

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: May 28-29, 2008

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Action Item

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Subject: **SUMMARY – NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 154 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – CONSTRUCT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR SANTA YNEZ**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) is being asked to review and comment at its May 28-29, 2008 meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

- 05-SB-154, PM 22.9/23.1, State Route 154 in Santa Barbara County - Construct roadway improvements near Santa Ynez.

PROGRAMMING:

The proposed project would construct roadway improvements, including a suicide barrier on the Cold Spring Canyon Bridge, on State Route 154 near Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County. The project is fully programmed in the 2008 State Highway Operation Protection Program (SHOPP) for \$3,183,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

Alternatives for the project include:

Alternative 1 - No-build.

Alternative 2 - Construct continuous metal barrier with inward sloping vertical steel rod pickets.

Alternative 3 - Construct continuous metal barrier with inward sloping grid/mesh steel wire pickets.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

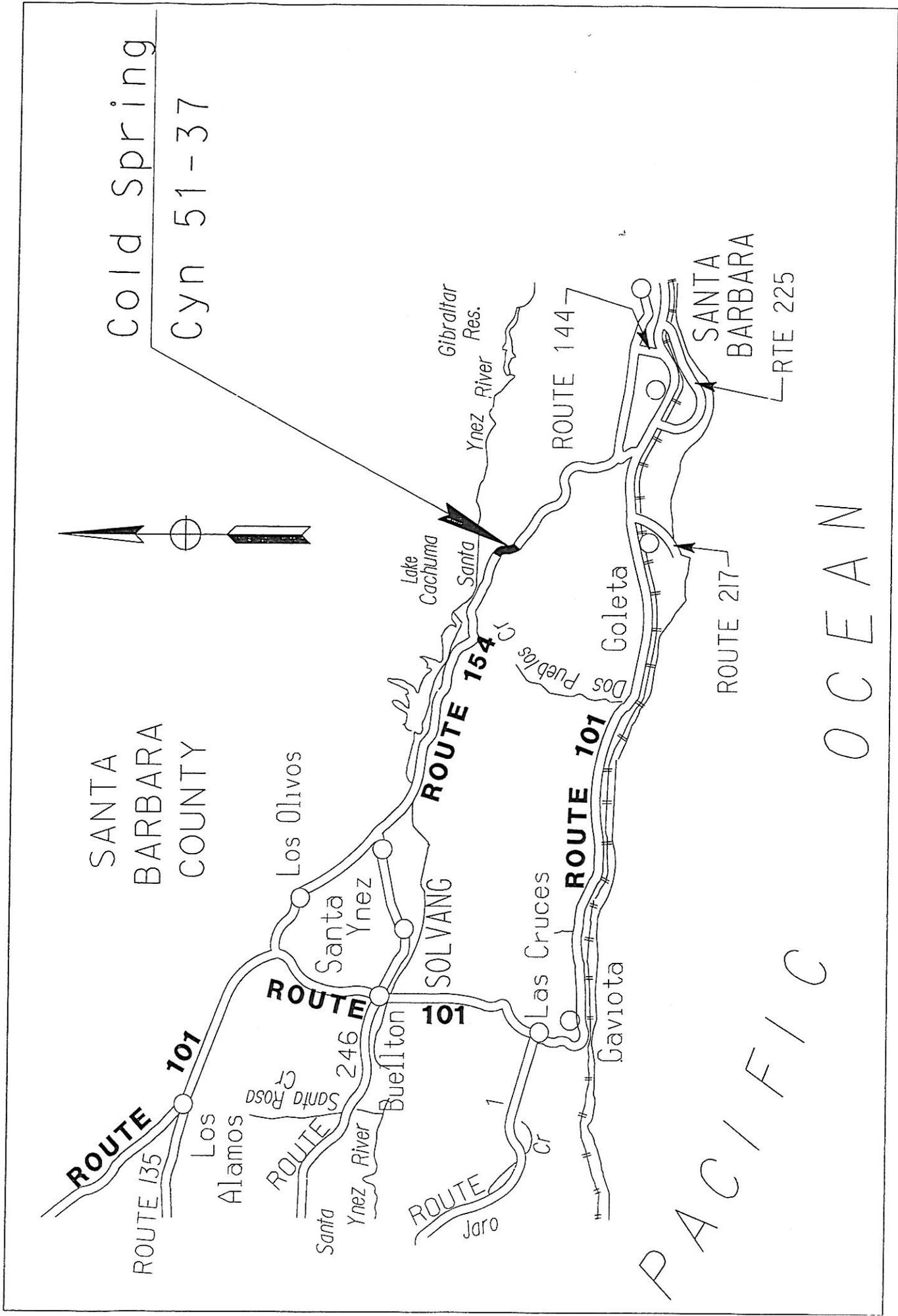
- Visual resources
- Cultural resources (historic structure)

Based on the potential for significant impacts in the form of modifications to a historic structure and permanent visual changes and due to public controversy, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for this proposed project.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Incorporate design characteristics and aesthetic treatments to minimize visual impacts.

Attachments



LOCATION MAP