

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO COMPLETE STREETS FACILITIES (PROJECT DELIVERY)

DISTRICT 10 EA 10-1Q520 SHOPP ID 23798
COUNTY: SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS, MERCED ROUTE: 26, 120, 140
PROJECT POSTMILES: VARIOUS PHASE: PA&ED (ENVIRONMENTAL)
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Complete Streets Scope Change:

The scope of this project was initially defined in a Project Initiation Report (PIR) in 2023, and the initial Complete Streets Decision Document (CSDD) was prepared at that time. This PIR focused on addressing pedestrian crossing needs and included crosswalks and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), as well as curb ramp upgrades to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at eight locations in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, and Tuolumne counties. The PIR estimated that right of way acquisition and utility relocations would take a minimum of 18 months and completion of the required environmental document would take at minimum 22 months. This project was not initially funded ("programmed"), but when additional funds became available through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the District re-evaluated the project. The Project Development Team (PDT) re-evaluated all eight locations and prepared a Supplemental PIR in 2024, with only four of the originally proposed locations carried forward. Of the four locations carried forward into the Supplemental PIR, two are in locations with identified Tier I and Tier II needs for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, according to the District's Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan, and one is adjacent to an area of identified need. The project was programmed to utilize IIJA funds to deliver this reduced scope within the program's funding constraints. During Project Approval and Environmental Document (PAED) Phase it was found that two ADA curb ramps proposed were not ultimately in need of upgrade and were omitted. A Project Change Document was prepared, and the total number of upgraded curb ramps was reduced from 12 to 10. As the Supplemental PIR did not include a revised CSDD, this Superseding CSDD reflects all the changes to complete streets scope since the initial, un-programmed PIR.

Justification:

In order to fund this project through IIJA, that program requires the project be delivered by the end of 2025/26 fiscal year. The timeline for right of way acquisitions, utility relocations, and an elevated environmental document for the eight locations of work in the originally prepared PIR had an estimated minimum of 22 months, which would exceed the timeline for using IIJA funding. Four of the eight locations were responsible for the long lead time. The PDT made the determination to move forward with all of the improvements that could be delivered in the timeline and remove the four locations with the most challenging right of way and environmental considerations from the project, reducing the complexity of the environmental

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