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| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? (Sources:1,6,13) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| iv) Landslides? (Sources:1,6,13) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| b) Result in substantial soil erosion, loss of topsoil, or changes in topography or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading, or fill? (Sources:1,6,13) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion a, b & d: The project includes the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project site is not identified as an area of potentially unstable slope areas in the General Plan Environmental Hazards Element and is not within the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. The nearest active fault is the Newport-Inglewood fault located northeast of the project site. Based upon the City's General Plan (Figure EH-12) and Geotechnical Inputs Study, the project site is located within an area with moderate to high potential for expansive soil. In addition, the project site is in an area with a low potential for liquefaction (General Plan Figure EH-7).

The project site is located in the seismically active region of Southern California. Therefore, the site could be subjected to strong ground shaking in the event of an earthquake. The proposed development would be required to comply with the California Building Code (CBC), which includes regulations for projects to be designed to withstand seismic forces. In addition, the project is required to prepare a site specific geotechnical investigation, including subsurface exploration and laboratory testing, to further evaluate the nature and engineering characteristics of the underlying soils. The report will provide recommendations for the design and construction of the project, including recommendations to address liquefaction and expansive soil potential. Adherence to the seismic design and construction parameters of the CBC, the City's Municipal Code and recommendations outlined in a site specific geotechnical investigation, would ensure protection of the project from impacts associated with seismic activity. Less than significant impacts would occur.

The project site has been previously graded and developed with roadway, drainage facilities, walkways and landscaped areas. Although the proposed project has the potential to result in erosion of soils during construction activities, erosion will be minimized by compliance with standard City requirements for submittal of an erosion control plan, for review and approval by the Department of Public Works. In the event that unstable soil conditions occur on the project site due to previous grading, excavation, or placement of fill materials, these conditions would be remedied pursuant to the recommendations in the required geotechnical study for the project site. Less than significant impacts would occur.

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| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? (Sources:1,6,13) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: Refer to response under item b. for discussion of liquefaction and landslides. Subsidence is large-scale settlement of the ground surface generally caused by withdrawal of groundwater or oil in sufficient quantities such that the surrounding ground surface sinks over a broad area. Withdrawal of groundwater, oil, or other mineral resources would not occur as part of the proposed project and, therefore, subsidence is not anticipated to occur. However, in the event of an earthquake in the Huntington Beach area, the site may be subject to ground shaking. The CBC and associated code requirements address lateral spreading and subsidence. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? (Sources:1,6,13)

Discussion: See discussion under b.

- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater (Sources:1,6,13)

Discussion: The project does not involve new uses or development that would increase wastewater necessitating alternative wastewater disposal systems or soils capable of supporting them. No impacts would occur.

IV. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project:

- a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? (Sources:4,5,14)

Discussion: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project does not involve new residential, commercial or industrial uses that would generate a source of additional stormwater runoff that would exceed capacity of the existing storm drain system nor would it be a source of a substantial amount of additional polluted runoff. Surface runoff along the south side of Atlanta Avenue, along the mobile home park frontage, will continue to flow easterly towards the existing storm drain system at Delaware Street. Drainage in the mobile home park is conveyed via a network of concrete v-gutters and flows southerly to an existing sump system within the park and then out to the existing public storm drain system at Delaware Street. The street widening will require grading that may result in minor changes to the existing site elevation due to the relocation of the curb and gutter. Likewise, the reconstruction of the on-site drive aisle within the existing mobile home park will require grading work to transition from the “new” grades of the street widening to the existing elevations of the park. Ultimately, however, the storm water will continue to drain as it does today. Existing site conditions, including the amount of impervious area, site elevations, and drainage patterns would generally be the same upon completion of the project.

Since the project site is greater than one acre, the project is subject to the provision of the General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The City must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the SWRCB for coverage under the Statewide General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit and must comply with all applicable requirements, including preparation of a

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Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and applicable National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. The SWPPP will establish Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction of the facility, including source, site and treatment controls to be installed and maintained at the site. In addition, all construction activities would comply with the City's Grading Manual and the Grading and Excavations Chapter of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC). These guidelines include specifications to minimize the effects from erosion during construction. Therefore, compliance with the Statewide General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit and all applicable codes, would ensure impacts on water quality would be less than significant.

- b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted?) (Sources:4,5,14)
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Discussion: The project does not propose new residences or commercial or industrial uses that would require additional water demand that would substantially deplete groundwater supplies. The project would require minimal water for landscaping irrigation. The amount of post-construction impervious surface would remain the same as pre-project conditions (71% paving and buildings; 29% landscaping) and therefore, would not interfere with groundwater recharge such that there would be a lowering of the groundwater table or aquifer volume. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on or off-site? (Sources:4,5,14)
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- d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on or off-site? (Sources:4,5,14)
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Discussion c & d: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The entire project site, which includes the segment of Atlanta Avenue proposed to be widened and the existing northern portion of the mobile home park south of Atlanta Avenue, has been previously graded. The project would not result in a significant change in existing topographical conditions or site elevations such that the existing drainage pattern would be altered resulting in substantial erosion and siltation on or off-site. In addition, the amount of post-construction impervious area relative to pervious area would remain the same as pre-project conditions. Given that the site conditions (ratio of pervious to impervious area) and elevations would remain relatively unchanged, an increased rate or amount of surface runoff that could result in on or off-site flooding is not anticipated to occur. Impacts would be less

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| e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? (Sources:7) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? (Sources:7) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion g – j: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project site is located in FEMA flood zone X and would not place housing or structures within a 100-year flood hazard area. The nearest flood control channel is located approximately 1,700 feet from the project site and would not pose a significant risk for potential flooding on the project site. The project site is mapped as a moderate tsunami run-up area in the Environmental Hazards Element of the General Plan. However the project does not propose new commercial or industrial uses or residences that would expose a substantial number of people to inundation by tsunami, seiche or mudflow. Impacts would be less than significant.

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| k) Potentially impact stormwater runoff from construction activities? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| l) Potentially impact stormwater runoff from post-construction activities? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| m) Result in a potential for discharge of stormwater pollutants from areas of material storage, vehicle or equipment fueling, vehicle or equipment maintenance (including washing), waste handling, hazardous materials handling or storage, delivery areas, loading docks or other outdoor work areas? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The project does not include new uses that would involve vehicle or equipment fueling or maintenance, waste handling, storage, delivery areas or loading docks and outdoor work areas. Although project construction may include vehicle and equipment maintenance, material storage and outdoor work areas, the project is required to follow existing requirements for construction to ensure that impacts to water quality during construction would be less than significant. See discussion under a & d.

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| n) Result in the potential for discharge of stormwater to affect the beneficial uses of the receiving waters? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| o) Create or contribute significant increases in the flow velocity or volume of stormwater runoff to cause environmental harm? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| p) Create or contribute significant increases in erosion of the project site or surrounding areas? (Sources:4,5,14) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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V. AIR QUALITY. The city has identified the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district as appropriate to make the following determinations. Would the project:

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| a) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? (Sources:19) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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b) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? (Sources:19) Discussion: See discussion under e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? (Sources:19) Discussion: See discussion under e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (Sources:19) Discussion: See discussion under e.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? (Sources:19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Discussion a – e: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements including new curb, gutter, sidewalk, landscaping, and retaining wall. The City of Huntington Beach is located within the South Coast Air Basin, which is regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). The entire Basin is designated as a national- and State-level nonattainment area for Ozone, carbon monoxide (CO), respirable particulate matter (PM₁₀) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}). Sensitive receptors in the area include residents in nearby developments to the north, south and east. The nearest sensitive receptors would be residents of the existing mobile home park from which the project proposes to acquire right-of-way. These residents are within 50 feet of the project’s construction boundary. The analysis in this section is based on a November 2009 Air Quality Report prepared by the Chambers Group.

Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

The project is designed to bring the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with the General Plan designation and County of Orange Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). The Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) is a member of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and is responsible for administering the MPAH. Since OCTA is a member of SCAG and SCAG developed the 2007 AQMP Transportation Conformity Budgets that were adopted by the SCAQMD as part of the AQMP, the project is considered consistent with the AQMP. In addition, projects that are consistent with the General Plan are generally considered to be consistent with the AQMP since the AQMP is based upon forecasted General Plan buildout and growth.

Construction Emissions

Construction emissions were calculated based on localized and regional significance thresholds for certain pollutants. The table below provides a summary of the project’s construction emissions compared to the SCAQMD thresholds of significance.

SCAQMD Pollutant Emission Thresholds of Significance						
	Emissions (Lbs/day)					
	CO	ROG	NOx	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂
Estimated Construction Emissions for proposed project	20.5	4.5	36.6	21.8	5.8	<1
Regional Significance Threshold	550	75	100	150	55	150
Exceed Threshold?	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Localized Significance Threshold	1,711	N/A	197	14	9	N/A
Exceed Threshold?	NO		NO	YES	NO	

The project would not result in an exceedence of any regionally significant thresholds, but would result in an exceedence of localized significance thresholds (LST) for PM₁₀. LSTs are developed based on the ambient concentrations of a pollutant for each source receptor area and the distance to the nearest sensitive receptor to determine a project’s localized air quality impacts. The SCAQMD has developed LSTs for projects 5 acres or less in total area. The City of Huntington Beach is in the North Coastal Orange County source receptor area.

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Since the project would result in construction emissions that exceed the SCAQMD LST for PM₁₀ mitigation is required. The project is required to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust to control construction emissions. In addition, implementation of the following mitigation measure would reduce construction emissions to a less than significant level.

AQ-1: *The City shall require, by contract specifications, implementation of the following measures:*

- *All work shall be done in accordance with the “GREENBOOK” Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2009 Edition, as written and promulgated by Public Works Standards, Inc.*
- *The construction contractor shall not discharge smoke, dust, equipment exhaust, or any other air contaminants into the atmosphere in such quantity as will violate any federal, State or local regulations. (Greenbook Section 7-8.2)*
- *The contractor shall comply with Caltrans’ Standard Specification Section 7-1.01F and Section 10 of Caltrans’ Standard Specifications (1999).*
- *The contractor shall apply water or dust palliative to the site and equipment as frequently as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.*
- *The contractor shall spread soil binder on any unpaved roads used for construction purposes and all project construction parking areas.*
- *The contractor shall wash trucks as they leave the right-of-way as necessary to control fugitive dust.*
- *The contractor shall properly tune and maintain construction equipment and vehicles and use low-sulfur fuel in all construction equipment as provided in the California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.*
- *The contractor shall develop a dust control plan documenting sprinkling, temporary paving, speed limits, and expedited revegetation of disturbed slopes as needed to minimize construction impacts to adjacent uses and residents.*
- *The contractor shall locate equipment and materials storage as far away from residential as practical.*
- *The contractor shall establish environmentally sensitive areas for receptors within which construction activities involving extended idling of diesel equipment would be prohibited to the extent feasible.*
- *The contractor shall use track out reduction measures such as gravel pads at project access points to minimize dust and mud deposits on roads affected by construction traffic.*
- *The contractor shall require that all transported loads of soil and wet materials shall be covered prior to transport, or provide adequate freeboard to reduce PM₁₀ and deposition of particulate matter during transportation.*
- *The contractor shall route and schedule construction traffic to avoid peak travel times as much as possible to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling along local roads.*
- *The contractor shall install landscaping as soon as practical after grading to reduce windblown particulate in the area.*
- *The contractor shall implement a street sweeping program with Rule 1186-compliant PM₁₀-efficient vacuum units on at least a 14-day frequency.*
- *The contractor shall abate dust nuisance by cleaning, sweeping and spraying with water, or other means as necessary. (Greenbook Section 7-8.1)*
- *The contractor shall provide a self-loading motorized street sweeper equipped with a functional water spray system. The sweeper shall clean all paved areas within the work site and all pave haul routes at least once a day. (Greenbook Section 7-8.1)*

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Since the Road Construction Model for calculating emissions does not have built-in methodology to quantify reductions from each of the listed measures, an estimate for mitigated PM₁₀ construction emissions is not available. Implementation of Rule 403 can result in up to a 50 percent reduction. Given that the project's emissions exceeded the LST by only 40 percent, it can be reasonably assumed that implementation of the recommended mitigation measures combined with compliance with Rule 403 would reduce the project's emissions below the threshold and to a less than significant level.

Post-construction/Long-term emissions

Typically, road widening projects are not assumed to have significant long-term air quality impacts. The project is not a development project that would introduce new residential, commercial or industrial uses that would be an indirect source of air quality pollutants. The proposed project would improve existing traffic operations and alleviate an existing "choke point" on Atlanta Avenue improving circulation and reducing potential vehicle queuing and idling. The "stop-and-go" speeds associated with the "choke point" and vehicle queuing are generally the largest source of vehicle emissions. Since the project would alleviate these issues, concentration of vehicle exhaust in the area may also be reduced. Therefore, the project would result in less than significant long-term/operational impacts to air quality.

Odors

Objectionable odors from the project may result during construction from equipment exhaust as well as from installation of the asphalt paving. However, construction is anticipated to last approximately six months. In addition, odor emissions would disperse rapidly from the site and would not cause significant effects affecting a substantial number of people. Odors from vehicle exhaust emissions after completion of the street widening would likely be less than pre-project conditions as the project would eliminate a point of congestion and reduce vehicle idling, thereby reducing the concentration of objectionable odors from vehicle exhaust in the project area. Less than significant impacts would occur.

The project, with implementation of AQ-1, would not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. In addition, since the project, with mitigation, would not result in an exceedence of established thresholds, the project would not result in exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. As the project is consistent with the AQMP and, with mitigation, does not result in an exceedence of thresholds for non-attainment pollutants and ozone precursors NO_x and VOC, it would not result in cumulatively considerable impacts to air quality and less than significant impacts would occur.

VI. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC. Would the project:

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- a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?
(Sources:16)

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b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? (Sources: 16)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion a & b: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The subject segment of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street is designated as a primary arterial in the General Plan Circulation Element and Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH). As defined in the General Plan, the primary arterial street classification provides sidewalk, curb, gutter, a bike lane, and 2 through lanes in each direction of travel, separated by a striped median. The proposed project would bring the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with its primary arterial designation of the General Plan and MPAH. The subject segment of Atlanta Avenue is also an existing Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) transit route. The current transit activity turning from Huntington Street and stopping on Atlanta Avenue is constrained due to the substandard width of the existing roadway, the tight turning radius at the southeast corner of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street, and the presence of cyclists who share the roadway on this segment of Atlanta Avenue. Widening the roadway to provide 2 eastbound travel lanes and a designated bike lane will help to reduce the impacts of the existing bus stop (located approx. 100 ft. east of Huntington Street) and improve the ability of the roadway to accommodate bus turns.

During construction, there may be some vehicle delay during various stages of the project. In addition, construction traffic from truck haul trips and workers entering and exiting the project site would add to the existing traffic conditions. However, project construction would be temporary lasting up to six months and is required to implement a traffic control plan, subject to review and approval by the Department of Public Works, during construction to minimize disruption to motorists within the project area. The project would require soil import and export and, at most, would require approximately 345 total haul trips (based on a nine cubic yard truck capacity), which could result in 10 – 30 truck trips per day depending on the construction schedule. The number of haul trips would be considered in the traffic control plan and measures to reduce air quality would require that the haul trip schedule avoid peak traffic times. The requirement for a traffic control plan as well as the relatively minimal number of daily trips would not result in significant impacts to traffic during construction such that the level of service on Atlanta Avenue and surrounding streets would be impacted.

A traffic analysis was prepared for the proposed project by Austin Foust Associates in March, 2009. The analysis studied three intersections within or adjacent to the project area: Atlanta Avenue/First Street; Atlanta Avenue/Huntington Street; and Atlanta Avenue/Delaware Street. The intersection of Atlanta Avenue and First Street is currently signalized. The other two study intersections are currently unsignalized. The Atlanta Avenue/Huntington Street intersection is currently being signalized as part of another project while the intersection at Delaware will remain an unsignalized two-way stop-controlled intersection.

The study analyzed traffic impacts with and without the project for existing conditions and build-out conditions of the year 2030. The performance criteria used were based on peak hour intersection volumes. Intersection capacity utilization (ICU) values were calculated for each of the AM and PM peak hours. The ICUs represent volume to capacity (V/C) ratios for these time periods and, with their associated level of service (LOS), provide an adequate measure of performance.

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The analysis concluded that the widening project will improve the performance of the project's study intersections. For instance, without the widening project, the Huntington Street/Atlanta Avenue intersection would operate at LOS F for the year 2030 scenario. With the project, the intersection would operate at LOS A. In addition, the stop-controlled movements at the Delaware Street/Atlanta Avenue intersection would operate at LOS F and experience a significant delay in 2030 without the project. With the project, the intersection would operate at LOS E in the AM peak hour and would still operate at LOS F in the PM peak hour, but experience a substantially reduced delay in both the AM and PM peak hours. Therefore, less than significant impacts would occur. In addition, the overall traffic operations as a transit corridor will be enhanced with the proposed street widening by minimizing delays and the associated impacts.

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? (Sources:11)

Discussion: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. Although the City is located within the Airport Environs Land Use Plan for Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, the project will not result in the development of new structures or buildings that would interfere with existing airspace or flight patterns. No impacts would occur.

- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses? (Sources:4,16)

Discussion: See discussion under e.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access? (Sources:4,16)

Discussion d & e: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. In addition to providing additional vehicular travel lanes, the project will remove an existing "choke point" at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street, which will reduce existing traffic hazards and minimize vehicular conflicts, thereby improving emergency access within the project area. The project will also improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians by constructing a designated bike lane and sidewalk that currently do not exist within the subject segment on the south side of Atlanta Avenue. An existing fire lane and two emergency access gates within the existing mobile home park will be moved and reconstructed in the same location (relative to the property line) within the mobile home park. Atlanta Avenue will remain open during construction and a traffic control plan, which will address emergency access, is required to be implemented during construction. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- f) Result in inadequate parking capacity? (Sources:4,16)

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Discussion: The project does not propose new structures or uses that would generate additional parking demand within the project area resulting in inadequate parking capacity. During project construction, workers will park at a designated staging area, subject to approval by the Department of Public Works, to avoid impacting existing on-street parking spaces on the north side of Atlanta Avenue. The project does not propose to remove any on-street parking spaces nor will any common parking spaces within the mobile home park be removed. No public parking lots or required coastal access parking will be utilized for the project. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities? (Sources:4,16)

Discussion: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. These improvements include construction of a new ADA accessible sidewalk, Class II bike lane and a new OCTA bus stop along the south side of Atlanta Avenue. The subject segment of Atlanta Avenue does not currently have a sidewalk or designated bike lane. The bus stop is existing, but does not meet current OCTA transit stop standards. Because the current roadway narrows at the intersection of Huntington Street and Atlanta Avenue, traffic flow is often impeded when the bus makes stops at this location. In addition, bicyclists are currently forced into travel lanes due to the roadway narrowing and the existing transit stop configuration. The project would improve the current conditions with the installation of the proposed improvements and would improve traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users traveling within the project area. Less than significant impacts would occur.

VII. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S, Fish and Wildlife Service? (Sources:1,4)

Discussion: See discussion under e.

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service? (Sources:1,4)

Discussion: See discussion under e.

- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool,

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coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? (Sources:1,4)

Discussion: See discussion under e.

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| d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? (Sources:1,4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See discussion under e.

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| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? (Sources:1,2,4) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project area consists of existing roadway and a mobile home park. These uses have been existing since the 1920s and 1950s respectively. The project site does not consist of riparian or sensitive habitat and there is no potential for wetlands to occur within or adjacent to the project area. In addition, the site is not delineated on any federal, state or local maps as a wetlands area. The project does not have the potential to impact the habitat of special status species.

The project proposes to remove existing landscaping within the project area along Atlanta Avenue and within the mobile home park. Existing landscaping along Atlanta Avenue consists of primarily non-native species and no trees are proposed for removal along Atlanta Avenue. A total of 25 trees, including several Monterey pines, would be either removed from or relocated within the mobile home park. The project is subject to a standard requirement for the replacement of any existing mature healthy trees to be removed within the mobile home park at a 2:1 ratio. Existing vegetation adjacent to the project area is limited to parkway trees and landscape planters across Atlanta Avenue, approximately 40 feet from the project area. All existing vegetation outside the project area will not be removed or impacted by the proposed street widening project. Vegetation removal and construction vehicle traffic may result in the disturbance of nesting species protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The MBTA protects over 800 species, including geese, ducks, shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, and many relatively common species. Although existing trees within and near the project site may contain nesting areas for birds, the project site does not serve as a wildlife corridor or habitat linkage as it is essentially isolated vegetation within an urbanized area. Notwithstanding, the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects migratory birds and their occupied nests and eggs and as such, any vegetation removal should occur outside of the bird-nesting season. To ensure that the project complies with the MBTA and impacts would be less than significant, the following mitigation measure is recommended:

BIO-1: *Prior to the onset of ground disturbance activities, the project developer shall implement the following mitigation measure which entails nesting surveys and avoidance measures for sensitive nesting and MBTA species, and appropriate agency consultation.*

Nesting habitat for protected or sensitive species:

- 1) *Vegetation removal and construction shall occur between September 1 and January 31 whenever*

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- feasible.*
- 2) *Prior to any construction or vegetation removal between February 15 and August 31, a nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist of all habitats within 500 feet of the construction area. Surveys shall be conducted no less than 14 days and no more than 30 days prior to commencement of construction activities and surveys will be conducted in accordance with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) protocol as applicable. If no active nests are identified on or within 500 feet of the construction site, no further mitigation is necessary. A copy of the pre-construction survey shall be submitted to the City of Huntington Beach. If an active nest of a MBTA protected species is identified onsite (per established thresholds), a 250-foot no-work buffer shall be maintained between the nest and construction activity. This buffer can be reduced in consultation with CDFG and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*
 - 3) *Completion of the nesting cycle shall be determined by a qualified ornithologist or biologist.*

With implementation of standard code requirements and the recommended mitigation measure, which ensures compliance with the MBTA, less than significant impacts would occur.

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| f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: There is no Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan for the area; therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

VIII. MINERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

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| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion a & b: Although Huntington Beach has been the site of oil and gas extraction since the 1920s, oil production has decreased over the years, and today, oil producing wells are scattered throughout the City. The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project site is not designated as a known or important mineral resource recovery site in the General Plan or any other land use plan. In addition, the project area has been used as a road since at least 1927 and the mobile home park was developed in the 1950s. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment conducted by WorleyParsons in October 2009, indicates that no current or former oil wells are present at the site and there is no evidence of the release of petroleum products within the project area. Therefore, the proposed project will not result in the loss of a known mineral resource or a mineral resource recovery site. No impacts would occur.

IX. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would the project:

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| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? (Sources:4,5,17,18) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See discussion under c.

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| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? (Sources:4,5,17,18) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous material, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? (Sources:4,5,17,18) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion a – c: The nearest school, Peterson Elementary School, is approximately half a mile from the project site. In addition, the project does not propose new structures or uses that will involve the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials. The project does not provide on-site fuel dispensing, underground, or outdoor storage of hazardous materials. Hazardous or flammable substances that would be used during the construction phase include vehicle fuels and oils in the operation of heavy equipment for onsite excavation and construction. Construction vehicles may require routine or emergency maintenance that could result in the release of oil, diesel fuel, transmission fluid or other materials. The proposed construction operation would be required to comply with all State and local regulations to minimize risks associated with accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials.

According to the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (WorleyParsons, October 2009) prepared for the project, the project site does not have any evidence of dumping, landfilling, stained soils, distressed vegetation, or other evidence suggesting the possible release of hazardous substances. However, because the site has been historically used as a roadway, it was concluded that aerially deposited lead (ADL) from

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automobile exhaust could be present in shallow soils. As such a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment was recommended to determine the nature and extent of ADL in the on-site soils so that the soil can be properly managed (either reused on-site or disposed of) in accordance with State regulations. In March 2010, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment to investigate for the presence of ADL was conducted for the project.

The Phase II site investigation included soil borings and hand augering of varying depths to collect soil samples for laboratory analysis. Based on the laboratory analysis, concentrations of ADL in the soil would not have to be classified as Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste. Therefore, the on-site soils may be re-used on site, pursuant to Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) protocols, or, if removed and disposed of off-site, would not be classified as RCRA-hazardous waste. Other metals and contaminants found to be present in the soil, such as arsenic, were representative of background concentrations and would not pose significant human health risks above comparison levels.

Discovery of additional soil contamination during ground disturbing activities is required to be reported to the Fire Department immediately and the approved work plan modified accordingly in compliance with City Specification #431-92. All fill soil (on-site and imported) shall meet City Specification #431-92 – Soil Cleanup Standards and would be submitted to the Fire Department for review and joint approval with the Public Works Department prior to issuance of a grading permit. With implementation of standard City specifications and other applicable State and federal requirements, less than significant impacts would occur.

- d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? (Sources:17)
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Discussion: The project site is not listed on the State’s Hazardous Waste and Substance Site List. According to the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment the project site is not listed on any regulatory database of hazardous sites. No impacts would occur.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Sources:11)
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Discussion: See discussion under f.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? (Sources:4,11)
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Discussion e & f: The project area is not within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Although the City is located within the Planning Area for the Joint Force Training Center, Los Alamitos, the project site is not located within the height restricted boundaries identified in the Airport Environs Land Use Plan or within two miles of any known public or private airstrip. In addition, the proposed project does not propose any new structures with heights that would interfere with existing airspace or flight patterns. No impacts would occur.

- g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? (Sources:1)

Discussion: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The proposed project will not impede access to the surrounding area both during construction and after the project is complete. Primary access to the adjacent mobile home park is located on Huntington Street and will not be impacted by the proposed project. There are two gated emergency access drives to the mobile home park on Atlanta Avenue that are not used by residents. These access drives are proposed to be removed and relocated to the same location on the site as part of the project. In addition, Atlanta Avenue will remain open during construction. To minimize impacts during construction, a traffic control plan is required to be implemented during construction. The project will not impair implementation of or physically interfere with any adopted emergency response plan or evacuation plan. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? (Sources:1,4)

Discussion: The project area includes Atlanta Avenue, a primary arterial in the City, and an existing mobile home development adjacent to Atlanta Avenue. There are no wildlands within or surrounding the project area. No impacts would occur.

X. NOISE. Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? (Sources:15)

Discussion: See discussion under d.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? (Sources:15)

Discussion: See discussion under d.

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c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (Sources:15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: See discussion under d.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? (Sources:14,15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Discussion a – d: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The associated improvements include replacement of an existing wood fence with a concrete block wall separating Atlanta Avenue from the mobile home park. Residential uses surround the project site to the north, south and east. A noise study report was prepared for the project by the Chambers Group in April 2010.

Short-term/Construction Noise

Construction of the proposed project would increase noise and vibration levels in the vicinity of the project area. Construction noise and vibration would be temporary (lasting up to six months) and intermittent depending on the type of equipment being used and the stage of construction. Intermittent noise levels during construction activities could reach up to 98 decibels (dBA), which is an increase of up to 25 dBA over existing noise levels. Chapter 8.40 – Noise of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code (HBMC) exempts noise related to construction provided all construction activities occur between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM Monday - Saturday. Construction activities are prohibited Sundays and Federal holidays. The proposed project, would be required to follow standard protocols for public works projects and construction activities would occur Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, which is more restrictive than the City’s Noise Ordinance. Therefore, impacts from noise and vibration during construction would be considered less than significant.

Even though construction noise impacts are less than significant, the following measures are recommended to reduce the annoyance construction noise can have on residents surrounding the project site.

NOISE-1: *The City shall require by contract specifications the following measures:*

- o *Ensure that all construction equipment has sound-control devices.*
- o *Prohibit equipment with un-muffled exhaust.*
- o *Site staging of equipment as far away from sensitive receptors as possible.*
- o *Limit idling of equipment whenever possible.*
- o *Notify adjacent residents in advance of construction work.*
- o *Educate contractors and employees to be sensitive to noise impact issues and noise control methods.*
- o *Install temporary acoustic barriers between the mobile home removal and construction activities and the row of mobile homes to remain closest to Atlanta Avenue. Acoustical barriers should provide a Sound Transmission Class Rating of 25 and should be situated in a manner to provide an uninterrupted continuous barrier between all mobile home removal and road construction activities. During the mobile home removal activities, the barriers should stretch from the east edge of the property to the west and zig-zag between homes where necessary. After removal of the mobile homes and prior to construction of the drive aisle*

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within the mobile home property, the barrier can be straightened to stretch more directly from the east property line to the west property line.

Long-term/Operational Noise

Traffic noise levels were predicted using the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Traffic Noise Model and were evaluated under existing conditions, Year 2030 conditions without the project and Year 2030 conditions with the project. The model included existing noise barriers such as existing fencing at surrounding sites as well as the proposed concrete block retaining wall for the Year 2030 With Project scenario. Traffic noise levels are considered significant when predicted future (2030) noise levels are at least 12 dB greater than existing noise levels or when the predicted noise levels approach or exceed the Noise Abatement Criteria (NAC) for the applicable activity category (in this case, 67 dBA L_{eq}(h)). Based on the analysis in the Noise Study Report, traffic volumes associated with the proposed project would not result in significant increases over existing noise levels nor will the project approach or exceed the established NAC. For the mobile home park, traffic noise levels upon project completion would be reduced from existing conditions likely due to the replacement of the wood fence with a concrete block wall. Less than significant noise impacts would occur. Similarly, long-term vibration impacts generally associated with traffic volumes and traffic noise levels would also be less than significant.

Therefore, the project would not result in significant temporary or permanent noise and vibration impacts and would not result in an exceedence of applicable noise standards. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources:11)
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Discussion: See discussion under f.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? (Sources:4,11)
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Discussion e & f: The proposed project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project is not within two miles of a public airport or a private airstrip. Although the City is located within the Airport Environs Land Use Plan for Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos, the project will not result in the development of new structures or buildings that would expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels. No impacts would occur.

XI. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

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a) Fire protection? (Sources:1,22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under e.				
b) Police Protection? (Sources:1,22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under e.				
c) Schools? (Sources:1,22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under e.				
d) Parks? (Sources:1,22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under e.				
e) Other public facilities or governmental services? (Sources:1,22)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Discussion a – e: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements including relocation of two existing fire hydrants on Atlanta Avenue. The project does not propose new structures or uses that would significantly increase the demand for public services including schools, parks and libraries. The project reduces existing traffic hazards and includes design features to minimize vehicular conflicts. Improvements in the function of the roadway will also serve to maintain or improve acceptable response times. Atlanta Avenue will remain open during construction, however, access may be limited at times throughout project construction. A traffic control plan, which accounts for emergency access, is required to be implemented during construction. Existing emergency access gates and a fire access lane within the existing mobile home park would be reconstructed on-site in their current configuration. Therefore, less than significant impacts are anticipated.

XII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project:

a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? (Sources:4,5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under e.				
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (Sources:4,5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? (Sources:4,5,22) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? (Sources:4,5) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See discussion under e.

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| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? (Sources:4,5) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion a –e & h: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. These improvements include new curb and gutter and relocation of existing utilities along the south side of Atlanta Avenue. Stormwater within the project area will continue to drain to the existing public storm drain system in Delaware Street. No new residential, commercial or industrial uses or structures are proposed that would generate additional wastewater beyond the current conditions necessitating expansion or construction of new wastewater treatment facilities. In addition, the project will not result in the creation of new stormwater drainage or treatment facilities nor will it create a significant demand for water usage beyond that which currently exists for the project area. The project will require water for landscape irrigation, however proposed landscaping will replace existing landscaping and would be required to comply with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. Less than significant impacts would occur

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| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion f & g: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements and does not propose new waste generating uses that would contribute additional solid waste. Some amount of solid waste may be generated from project construction. The nearest landfill is the Frank R. Bowerman Landfill located in the City of Irvine. The landfill has a remaining capacity

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in excess of 30 years based on the present solid waste generation rates. The project will not noticeably impact the capacity of the existing landfill. In addition, waste from construction of the project is required to comply with all regulations related to solid waste including City specification No. 431-92, which provides for the proper disposal of contaminated soils. Less than significant impacts are anticipated.

- h) Include a new or retrofitted storm water treatment control Best Management Practice (BMP), (e.g. water quality treatment basin, constructed treatment wetlands?) (Sources:4,5,22)

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Discussion: See discussion under item e above.

XIII. AESTHETICS. Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? (Sources:1,4)

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- b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? (Sources:1,4)

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- c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? (Sources:1,4)

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Discussion a – c: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The project area is not within a State-designated or eligible scenic highway nor does it constitute a scenic vista. In addition, the project will not damage existing scenic resources including rock outcroppings or historic buildings. Atlanta Avenue is designated as a landscape corridor in the Circulation Element of the General Plan. The project will involve the removal of existing landscaping on Atlanta Avenue although new landscaping and street trees are proposed as part of the project. The new landscaping is required to comply with City landscape requirements for street trees and parkways. Although the project proposes to remove 25 trees from within the mobile home park, some trees may be able to be preserved and relocated on site, and all mature, healthy trees that are removed are required to be replaced at a 2:1 ratio. Removal and relocation of the trees requires approval by the Planning and Building and Public Works Departments. After the project is completed, the visual character of the site will substantially be the same as it currently exists. However, since old pavement, street striping, landscaping and fencing will be replaced with new there will be a general aesthetic enhancement of the project area.

There will be a temporary degradation of the existing visual character in the area during construction. However, construction of the project is anticipated to last approximately six months and as such, impacts during construction can be considered less than significant. Less than significant impacts would occur.

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d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? (Sources:1,4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion: Existing sources of light and glare in the project area include streets lights and vehicular headlights. Currently, street lights are located on utility poles and would be relocated as part of the project. There would be no new street lighting beyond what currently exists as a result of the proposed project. Although the project provides for increased capacity on Atlanta Avenue, there would not be an increase in traffic as a result of the project and therefore, the project would not result in more light and glare from vehicular headlights such that impacts would be significant. Other sources of light from the project would be lights from bicycles as a result of the proposed bike lanes. This potentially new light source, since it is likely that bicyclists currently travel on the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue, would be minimal and not result in a substantial increase in light and glare in the project area. No light standards are proposed for relocation or replacement within the mobile home park. Impacts would be less than significant.

XIV. CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5? (Sources:20,21)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under d.				
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5? (Sources:20)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under d.				
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site unique geologic feature? (Sources:20)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discussion: See discussion under d.				
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? (Sources:20)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion a – d: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The existing project area consists of roadway that has existed since 1927, and a mobile home park that was developed in the 1950s. There are no locally significant historic structures and the project site is not listed in the General Plan Historic and Cultural Resources Element. Although the mobile home park is at least 50 years old, it has been determined by the State Office of Historic Preservation, that the mobile home park is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

An archeological survey report was prepared by Bonterra Consulting in April 2010. The report indicates that three archeological sites (CA-ORA-149, CA-ORA-276 and CA-ORA-1654) have been identified within a half-mile radius of the project area. In addition, based on a review of the Native American Heritage Commission

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(NAHC) sacred lands database, archeological literature, and historic maps, CA-ORA-149 may have extended into the project area at one time. Although existing site records place the archeological site outside of the project area, it is acknowledged that previous researchers had extended CA-ORA-149 east of Huntington Street into the Pacific Mobile Home Park site. However, it has been concluded that portions of the site east of Huntington Street would have been destroyed by construction of the mobile home park, the existing elevation of which is 2 to 5 meters below the original site surface. This is well below the depth of the archeological deposit of CA-ORA-149 estimated at less than two meters based on deBarros' 2005 data recovery excavations for the Pacific City project. Even so, because subsurface investigation of the project area did not previously occur, it could not be concluded that CA-ORA-149 is not present on the project site. Therefore, potential exists for small pockets of CA-ORA-149 to remain under the existing mobile home park, sidewalks, and streets.

Site Survey

In addition to a study of existing data, a survey of the project area was conducted on May 21, 2009 by Bonterra Consulting. The survey focused on determining the presence of any remaining surface expressions of CA-ORA-149 on non-asphalt covered areas south of Atlanta Avenue within the project area. No previously unknown cultural resources were identified during the survey, but visibility was nearly zero as the majority of the project area is paved. Since the project area is mostly paved, the survey extended to an undeveloped, unpaved area parallel to the mobile home park and Delaware Street. However, this area is covered with gravel, has undergone similar grading to the project site, and is beyond the original archeological site boundaries.

Although there were no cultural resources identified during the survey and study of available data, the historic use of the area increases likelihood of finding buried cultural resources during project construction-related activities. In addition, intact resources and human burials associated with CA-ORA-149 were discovered during archeological excavations for the Pacific City project, which is east of the project area, across Huntington Street. Therefore, an Extended Phase I Report was conducted to evaluate the subsurface soils within an unpaved area of the project site (located south of the existing Atlanta Avenue and north of the northern property line of the mobile home park) and determine whether any significant cultural deposits associated with CA-ORA-149 exist within the project site. The assessment was completed in combination with the geological soil auger borings conducted by WorleyParsons for the ADL testing as well as hand excavation of shovel test pits conducted by Bonterra. The subsurface site work identified a few cultural specimens (one artifact and 15 flakes) of poor contextual integrity and that the soil has been previously filled and disturbed and does not constitute an intact portion of CA-ORA-149 or an archeological deposit. In addition, the cultural materials that were discovered during the testing would not be significant nor would they warrant formal curation since they lack original provenience (intact, primary deposits) and show evidence of mixing with modern materials. Although the results of the testing suggest that although CA-ORA-149 may have extended onto the project site, based on the soil borings and hand excavations, no primary cultural deposit remains on the project site. However, to ensure impacts to cultural resources would be less than significant, the following mitigation measures are recommended:

CULT-1: *If cultural resources are encountered during during construction-related ground-disturbing activities, all construction personnel shall be informed of the need to stop work on the project site in the event of a potential find, until a qualified archaeologist has been provided the opportunity to assess the significance of the find and implement appropriate measures to protect or scientifically remove the find. Construction personnel shall also be informed that unauthorized collection of cultural resources is prohibited. If archaeological resources are discovered during ground-disturbing activities, all construction activities within 50 feet of the find shall cease until the archaeologist evaluates the significance of the resource. In the absence*

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of a determination, all archaeological resources shall be considered significant. If the resource is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall prepare a research design and recovery plan for the resources.

CULT-2: *If human remains are discovered during construction or any earth-moving activities, the County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. No further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The designated MLD may make recommendations to the City for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods.*

With implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, impacts to cultural resources would be less than significant.

XV. RECREATION. Would the project:

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood, community and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? (Sources:4,5,22)

Discussion: See discussion under c.

- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? (Sources:4,5)

Discussion: See discussion under c.

- c) Affect existing recreational opportunities? (Sources:4,5)

Discussion a –c: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. There may be increased use of surrounding parks during construction by workers that may utilize the parks before, during and after work. However, the proposed project does not involve the creation of new homes or businesses that would substantially increase the use of existing parks and recreational facilities beyond the construction phase. The project will not affect nor does it include expansion of existing recreational opportunities. Although the project will provide additional travel lanes on Atlanta Avenue, the additional lanes will bring the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with its primary arterial designation of the General Plan Circulation Elements and Orange County Master Plan of Arterial Highways (MPAH) as well as provide for the forecasted build-out capacity. Therefore, the increased capacity of Atlanta Avenue is not anticipated to provide for growth not already anticipated by the General Plan. As such, the project would not require the addition or expansion of recreational facilities. Less than significant impacts would occur.

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XVI. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES. In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project:

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| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: See discussion under c.

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| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? (Sources:1) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion a – c: The project involves the widening of Atlanta Avenue from Huntington Street to Delaware Street and associated improvements. The existing project area consists of roadway that has existed since 1927, and a mobile home park that was developed in the 1950s. The project does not propose any changes that would affect existing farmland or agricultural uses and would not result in conversion of farmland/agricultural uses as there are none within the vicinity of the project site. The site is not zoned for agricultural uses, nor is it under a Williamson Act contract. Finally, the project area is not mapped as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland or Farmland of Statewide Importance. No impacts would occur.

XVII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the project:

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| a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? (Source: 19) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Discussion: The California Energy Commission calculated that in 2004, California produced 492,000,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. On an individual basis, a project generally would not generate enough GHG emissions to create a significant impact on global climate change. For instance, the proposed project would result in a total of approximately 173 tons of CO₂ emissions during construction. This represents a negligible amount when compared to the overall contribution of the State's GHG emissions impacting global climate change. A project's potential impact would be its incremental contribution of GHG emissions when combined with all other GHG emission sources to cause significant cumulative impacts that could result in global climate change impacts. The proposed project has the potential to result in GHG emissions from both construction and operation

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of the proposed street widening.

Short-term/Construction

Construction GHG emissions would include emissions produced from material processing, emissions from construction equipment and vehicles, and emissions from travel delay due to construction. These emissions would be produced at different levels throughout construction. The project would result in a total of approximately 173 tons of CO₂ emissions during construction. Implementation of a traffic control plan would manage traffic and reduce travel delays during construction to the extent possible. The largest source of GHG emissions during construction would occur from construction equipment exhaust. Generally, measures that are employed to reduce emissions from construction equipment would also reduce GHG emissions. Mitigation Measure AQ-1 includes measures such as limiting equipment idling time and ensuring that equipment is properly maintained that would control equipment exhaust. In addition, all construction vehicles are required to use CARB approved on-road diesel fuel, when locally available, to reduce emissions of CO, ROG and particulate matter during construction. While there is no specific threshold of significance for GHG emissions, it is reasonable to apply the same requirements for criteria pollutants in that significance occurs when a project results in a cumulatively considerable net increase of GHG emissions. Therefore, since the project's contribution of CO₂ emissions is minor and measures would be implemented to further reduce GHG emissions during construction, impacts from GHG emissions during construction would not result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of GHG emissions and impacts would be less than significant.

Long-term/Operational

The project does have potential to produce GHG emissions from vehicles traveling along Atlanta Avenue. However, the highest level of GHG emissions from mobile sources, specifically carbon dioxide (CO₂), occur at "stop-and-go" speeds (0 – 25 miles per hour). The proposed street widening project would provide for additional capacity on Atlanta Avenue but would not generate increased traffic volumes. In addition, the project would relieve congestion by enhancing operations and improving travel times. By eliminating an existing "choke point" on Atlanta Avenue, thereby reducing "stop-and-go" speeds, the project may result in reduced CO₂ emissions. Again, there is no specific threshold of significance other than to reasonably consider whether a project would result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in GHG emissions. Based on the scope of the project including the project's potential to reduce CO₂ emissions, the project would not result in significant impacts from GHG emissions. Less than significant impacts would occur.

- b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? (Source: 19)

Discussion: One of the main strategies of the Caltrans Climate Action Program to reduce GHG emissions is to make California's transportation system more efficient. As discussed above, the highest levels of CO₂ emissions occur when vehicles travel at "stop-and-go" speeds. The purpose of the proposed project is to eliminate a "choke point" on Atlanta Avenue and reduce an area currently experiencing queuing and "stop-and-go" speeds. The project also proposes to add a Class-II bike lane and would bring the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with its MPAH designation, which is administered by the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA), a member of Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Transportation control measures in the AQMP are provided by SCAG and include those contained in the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The proposed project is identified in the 2008 RTP and is consistent with Travel Demand Management strategies identified in the RTP including enhancing non-motorized and transit modes of transportation in the area. The proposed project is consistent with the Caltrans Climate Action Program

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and the 2008 RTP. Projects that are consistent with these programs would be consistent with other programs and policies of a broader context such as AB 32. Therefore, the project would not conflict with applicable policies, plans or programs adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. Impacts would be less than significant.

XVIII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

- a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? (Sources:1-23)

Discussion: The project, during construction, could result in disturbances to migratory bird species. In addition, there is potential for cultural resources to be discovered during construction-related ground-disturbance. However, with mitigation, impacts would be less than significant.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.) (Sources:1-23)

Discussion: As discussed throughout the document, the proposed project would have less than significant impacts for the majority of impact areas. Therefore, the project’s contribution in the context of cumulatively considerable adverse impacts would be less than significant. The project does require mitigation for potentially significant impacts in the areas of air quality, biological resources, and cultural resources. However, all of the identified potentially significant impacts can be mitigated during project construction and therefore do not represent a cumulatively considerable significant impact. Mitigation for impacts identified in the area of population and housing are due to relocation of 14 residents that would occur as a result of acquisition of additional right-of-way for the project and not due to substantial increases in population or indirect growth that would result in cumulatively considerable impacts.

- c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? (Sources:1-23)

Discussion: As discussed throughout the document, the project would result in less than significant impacts (i.e. – traffic, noise, hazards) or less than significant impacts with mitigation (air quality and housing) in areas with the potential to have adverse effects on human beings.

XIX. EARLIER ANALYSIS.

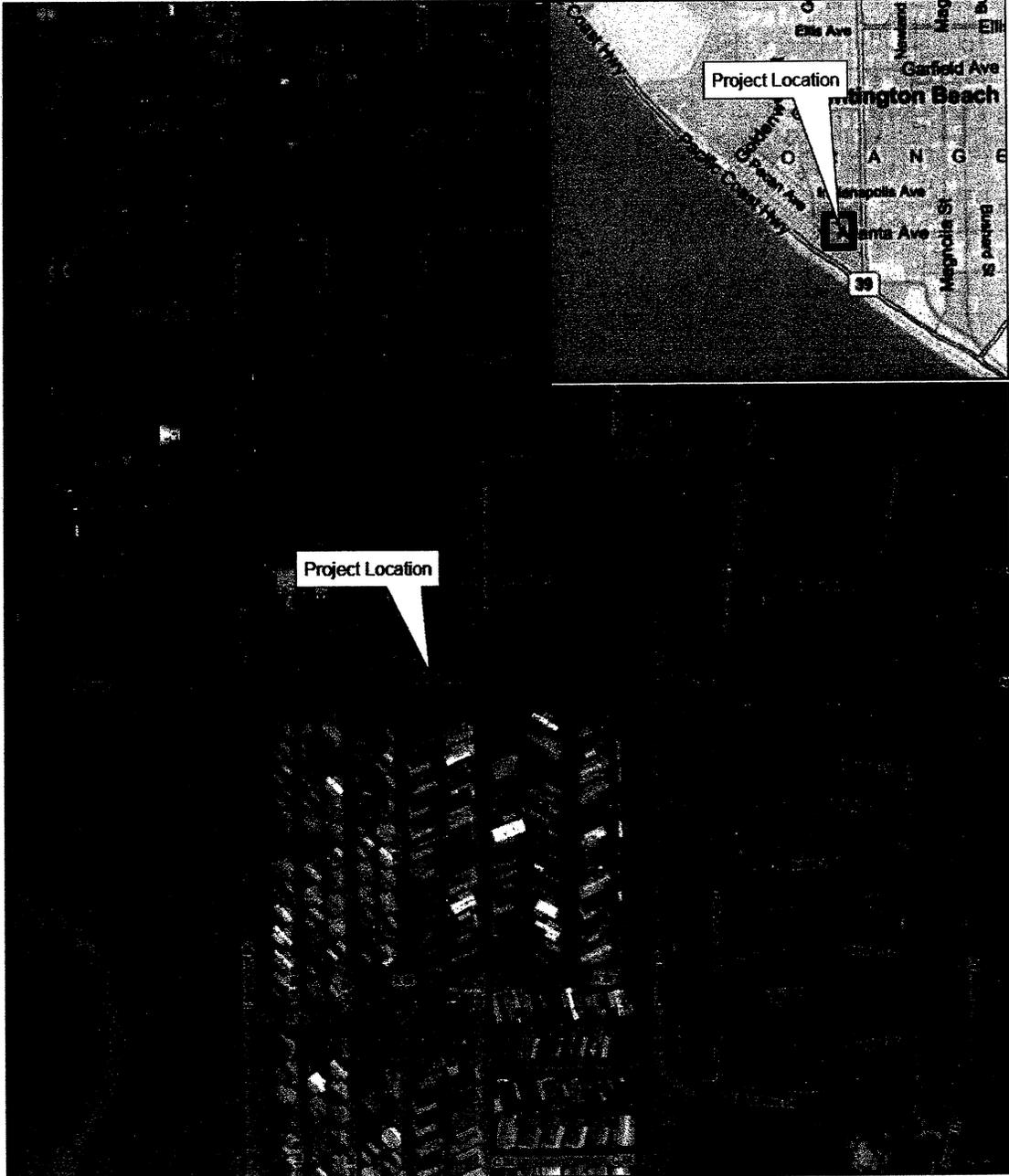
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Earlier Documents Prepared and Utilized in this Analysis:

<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Document Title</u>	<u>Available for Review at:</u>
1	City of Huntington Beach General Plan	City of Huntington Beach Planning Dept., Planning/Zoning Information Counter, 3rd Floor 2000 Main St. Huntington Beach
2	City of Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance	“
3	Project Vicinity Map	See Attachment #1
4	Conceptual Project Plans	See Attachment #2
5	Project Narrative	See Attachment #3
6	City of Huntington Beach Geotechnical Inputs Report	City of Huntington Beach Planning Dept., Planning/Zoning Information Counter, 3 rd Floor 2000 Main St. Huntington Beach
7	FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map	“
8	CEQA Air Quality Handbook South Coast Air Quality Management District (1993)	“
9	City of Huntington Beach CEQA Procedure Handbook	“
10	Trip Generation Handbook, 7 th Edition, Institute of Traffic Engineers	“
11	Airport Environs Land Use Plan for Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos (Oct. 17, 2002)	“
12	Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List	“
13	State Seismic Hazard Zones Map	“
14	City of Huntington Beach Municipal Code	“
15	Noise Study Report (April 2010)	

16	Traffic Study (March 2009)	“
17	Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (October 2009)	“
18	Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (March 2010)	“
19	Air Quality Report & Global Climate Change Analysis (November 2009)	“
20	Historic Property Survey Report & Archeological Survey Report (April 2010)	“
21	State Historic Preservation Office concurrence letter (June 2010)	“
22	City of Huntington Beach Environmental Assessment Form (February 2009)	“
23	Caltrans Approved Preliminary Environmental Study (PES) (January 2009)	“
24	Summary of Mitigation Measures	Attachment No. 4

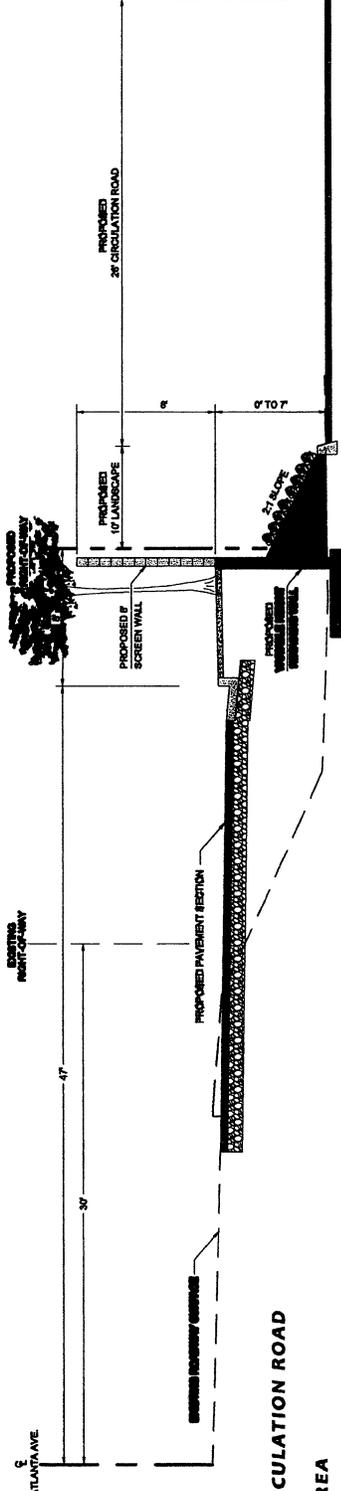
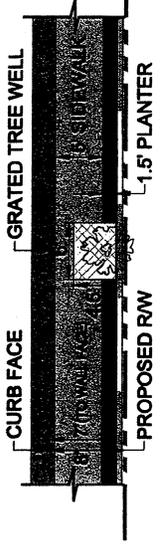
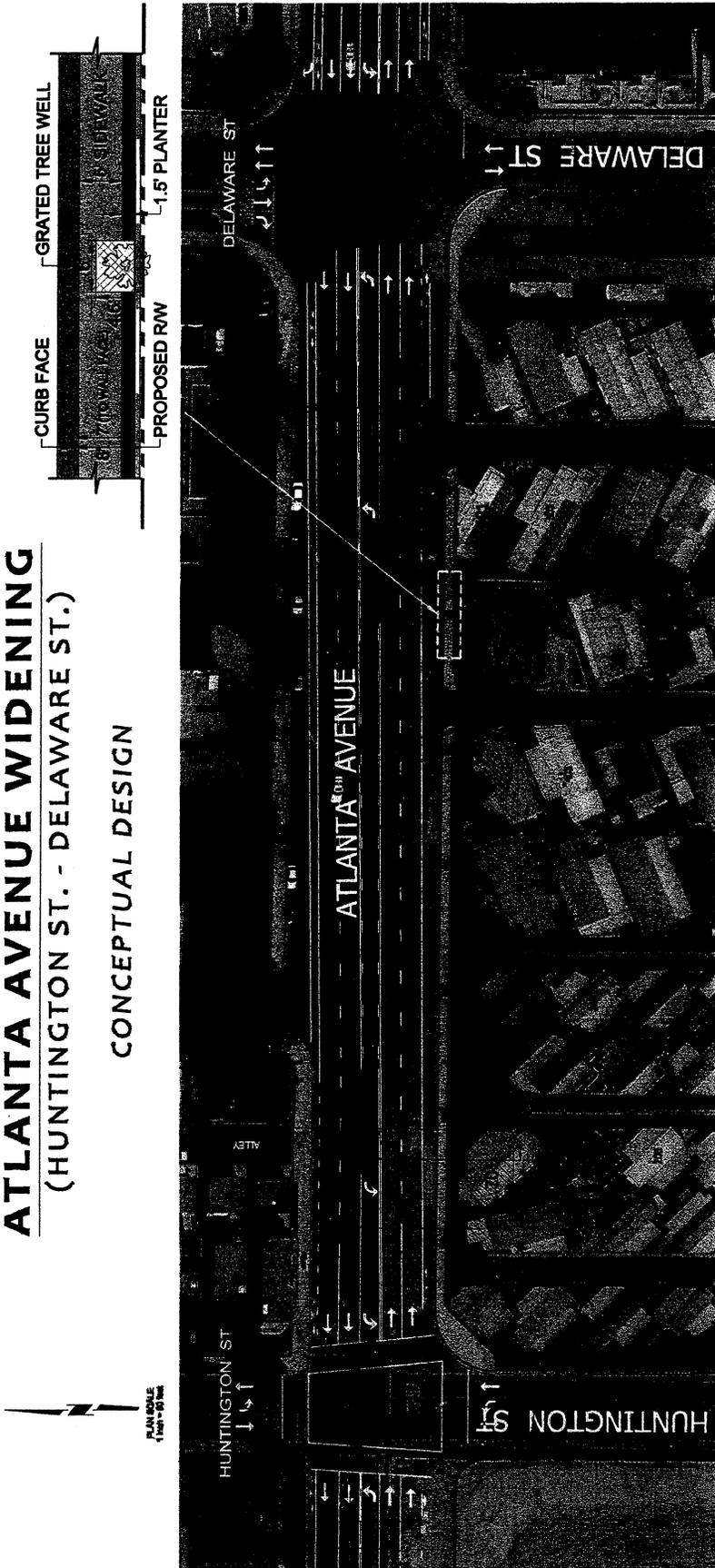
Attachment 1 – Project Location



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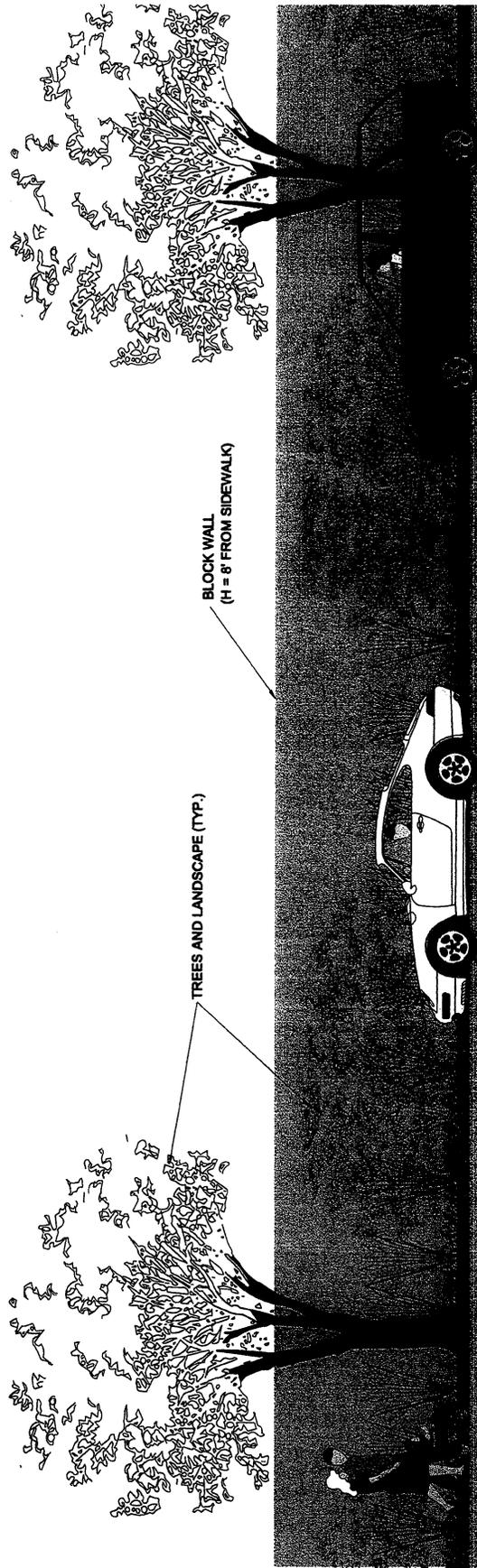
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CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



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 - PLANTER AREA
 - TRASH BIN ENCLOSURE

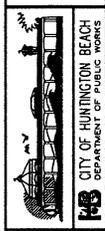
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CONCEPTUAL VIEW FROM STREET
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CONCEPTUAL ELEVATION VIEW
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(HUNTINGTON ST. - DELAWARE ST.)



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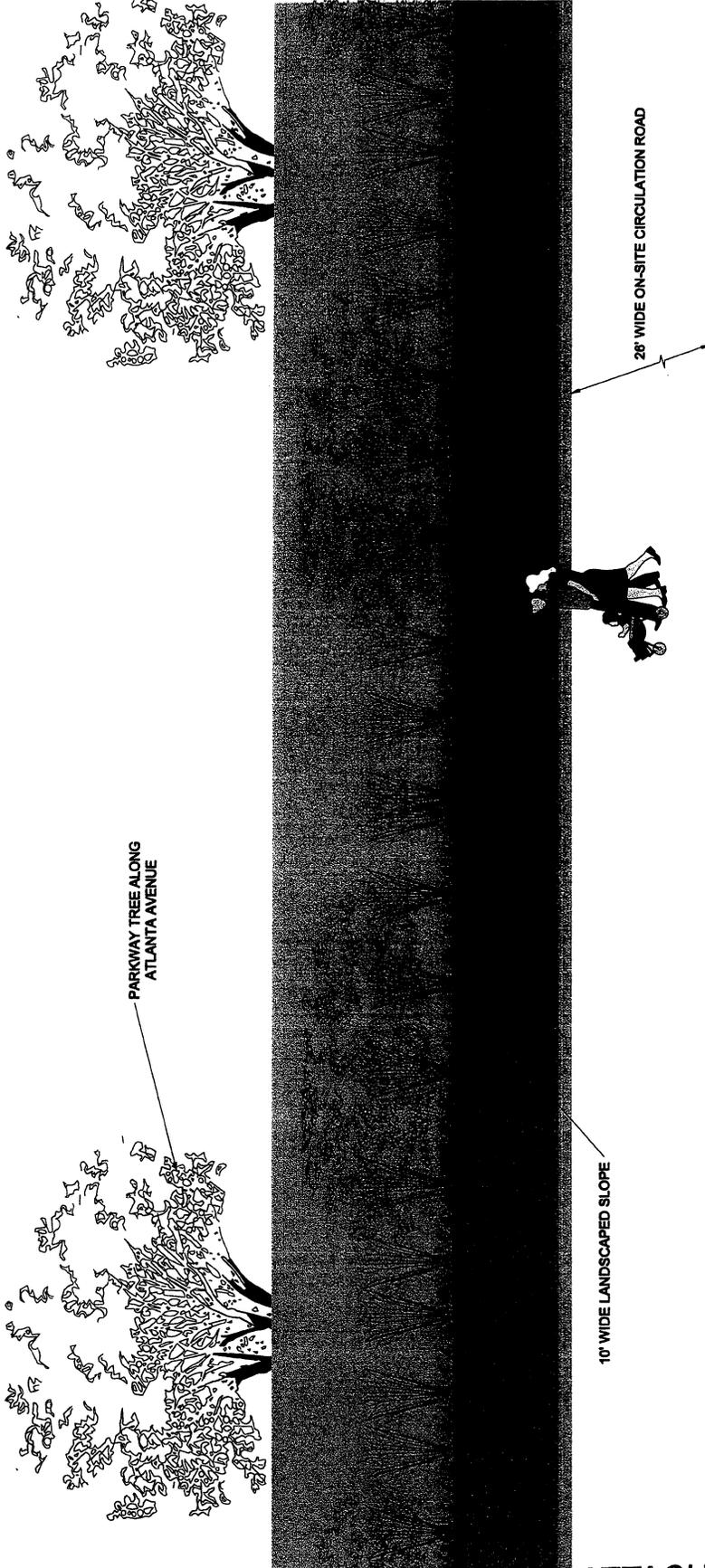
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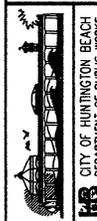


CONCEPTUAL VIEW FROM PACIFIC MOBILEHOME PARK
(LOOKING NORTHERLY TOWARDS ATLANTA AVENUE)

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CONCEPTUAL ELEVATION VIEW
ATLANTA AVENUE WIDENING
(HUNTINGTON ST. - DELAWARE ST.)



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Project Narrative

Project: **Atlanta Avenue Widening, CC-1319**
Application: EA/CDP/CUP
Applicant: City of Huntington Beach Public Works Department
Contact: Jonathan Claudio, Senior Civil Engineer
Phone #: (714) 374-5380
Date: July 24, 2009

The City proposes to widen the south side of Atlanta Avenue, between Huntington Street and Delaware Street, to comply with the primary arterial street classification in the General Plan Circulation Element. The project site is bounded by single-family residential, apartment and condominium uses to the north and the east, by the Waterfront Hilton Hotel property to the south, and the Pacific City mixed-use development (currently under construction) to the west. As the proposed street widening project will provide the build-out traffic capacity forecasted and bring this segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with the County's Master Plan of Arterial Highways, the Orange County Transportation Authority has approved grant funding to the City for the engineering, right-of-way, and construction phases of this street widening project. The current budget constraints, however, have limited the City's ability to provide the local matching funds required to receive the grant funding. Consequently, the right-of-way and construction phases of this project may be delayed until the 2010/11 fiscal year.

The General Plan Circulation Element designates Atlanta Avenue as a primary arterial street, both in the current and in the 2010 Circulation Plan of Arterial Highways. As defined in the General Plan, the primary arterial street classification provides sidewalk, curb, gutter, a bike lane, and 2 through lanes in each direction of travel, separated by a striped median. Currently, this segment of Atlanta Avenue provides one lane in each direction, a striped median, and on-street parking along a portion of the north side of the street. The proposed street improvements will provide an additional through lane and bike lane in each direction of travel.

The project's scope of work primarily includes clearing and grubbing, the construction of asphalt concrete roadway, striping, curb, gutter, sidewalk, an 8 feet tall screen wall atop a variable height (7 ft. max.) retaining wall, landscaping, reconstruction of a 26 ft. wide on-site circulation road, utility adjustment and relocation. Since this street widening project proposes to remove and reconstruct the south curb line of Atlanta Avenue an additional 27 ft. (approx.) to the south, it will be necessary to relocate the 5 utility poles and overhead lines currently located within the existing southerly parkway area. The undergrounding of the existing overhead utility lines, however, is not included within the scope of this project. In accordance with the City's franchise agreements, the utility companies will be responsible for the relocation and/or adjustment of their facilities which may be in conflict with the proposed City street improvements.

The mixed-use Pacific City development located immediately west of the project site has recently widened Atlanta Avenue between 1st Street and Huntington Street to its ultimate location. This has resulted in the segment of Atlanta Avenue between Huntington Street and Delaware Street as the lone remaining "choke point" on Atlanta Avenue between 1st Street and Beach Boulevard. The existing choke point creates a 26 ft. (approx.) offset in the south curb alignment at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street. Since the narrowing roadway requires motorists traveling eastbound on Atlanta Avenue to make additional motorist decisions, there is a greater potential for merging accidents and motorists inadvertently driving vehicles off of the street. The proposed street widening would help to minimize this accident potential and provide for improved traffic safety.

Furthermore, this segment of Atlanta Avenue is an existing transit route with a proposed Class II bicycle trail. The current transit activity turning from Huntington Street and stopping on Atlanta Avenue is constrained due to the substandard width of the existing roadway, the tight turning radius at the southeast corner of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street, and the presence of cyclists who share the roadway on this segment of Atlanta Avenue. Widening the roadway to provide 2 eastbound travel lanes and a designated bike lane will help to reduce the impacts of the existing bus stop (located approx. 100 ft. east of Huntington Street) and improve the ability of the roadway to accommodate bus turns. Consequently, the overall traffic operations in the area will be enhanced with the proposed street widening by minimizing delays and the associated impacts.

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The existing public street right-of-way along this segment of Atlanta Avenue varies from 60 ft. wide (30 ft. north and 30 ft. south of street centerline) at Huntington Street to 85 ft. wide (55 ft. north and 30 ft. south of street centerline) at Delaware Street. Construction of the proposed street improvements will require the acquisition of an additional 25 feet of public street right-of-way south of the centerline of Atlanta Avenue (i.e., the public street right-of-way is proposed at 55 ft. south of street centerline). Along with the acquisition of this 25 feet wide by 630 feet long (approx.) strip of land from the Pacific Manufactured Home Park located at 80 Huntington Street (APN 024-291-16), the City anticipates that 8 manufactured homes (Unit Nos. 101, 102, 201, 301, 302, 401, 501, and 502) will also need to be relocated in order to construct the proposed street widening project. The ultimate location of these units is not known at this point, however, as real estate negotiations with the Park owner and the affected residents cannot commence until the City receives Federal authorization to proceed with the right-of-way phase. The foreseeable alternatives include on-site relocation to a comparable unit, off-site relocation to another park with a comparable unit, or a monetary offer for residents who no longer choose to own a manufactured home. The City's real estate consultant will ensure that all relocation work for this project shall comply with the applicable City, State, and Federal laws.

Although the City has received authorization to proceed with the engineering phase, the construction of this project is contingent upon a number of factors including: 1) the City's ability to obtain the Federal, State, and local approvals required to proceed with the right-of-way and construction phases; 2) negotiating the successful land acquisition and subsequent relocation of the Pacific Manufactured Home Park residents directly affected by the construction of the proposed street widening project; and 3) the availability of Federal grant and local matching funds. As previously stated, the right-of-way and subsequent construction phase of this project may be delayed until the 2010/11 fiscal year. Based upon the current scope of work, the construction phase is estimated to last for approximately 6 months from the date the contractor is given the notice to proceed by the City.

Jonathan Claudio, Project Engineer

Date

Attachment No. 4

Summary of Mitigation Measures

<u>Description of Impact</u>	<u>Mitigation Measure</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere • Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere 	<p>POP-1: <i>Upon Federal authorization to proceed with right-of-way acquisition, the City shall commence with acquisition and relocation in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Uniform Act. Notification to and discussions with the impacted residents shall occur as soon as feasibly possible pursuant to the Federal Uniform Act. The City shall ensure that a relocation plan is prepared prior to final project plans and relocation is implemented in accordance with the Federal Uniform Act.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation • Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations 	<p>AQ-1: <i>The City shall require, by contract specifications, implementation of the following measures:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>All work shall be done in accordance with the "GREENBOOK" Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2009 Edition, as written and promulgated by Public Works Standards, Inc.</i> ○ <i>The construction contractor shall not discharge smoke, dust, equipment exhaust, or any other air contaminants into the atmosphere in such quantity as will violate any federal, State or local regulations. (Greenbook Section 7-8.2)</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall comply with Caltrans' Standard Specification Section 7-1.01F and Section 10 of Caltrans' Standard Specifications (1999).</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall apply water or dust palliative to the site and equipment as frequently as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall spread soil binder on any unpaved roads used for construction purposes and all project construction parking areas.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall wash trucks as they leave the right-of-way as necessary to control fugitive dust.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall properly tune and maintain construction equipment and vehicles and use low-sulfur fuel in all construction equipment as provided in the California Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall develop a dust control plan documenting sprinkling, temporary paving, speed limits, and expedited revegetation of disturbed slopes as needed to minimize construction impacts to adjacent uses and residents.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall locate equipment and materials storage as far away from residential as practical.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall establish environmentally sensitive areas for receptors within which construction activities involving extended idling of diesel equipment would be prohibited to the extent feasible.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall use track out reduction measures such as gravel pads at project access points to minimize dust and mud deposits on roads affected by construction traffic.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall require that all transported loads of soil and wet materials shall be covered prior to transport, or provide adequate freeboard to</i>

	<p><i>reduce PM₁₀ and deposition of particulate matter during transportation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The contractor shall route and schedule construction traffic to avoid peak travel times as much as possible to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling along local roads.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall install landscaping as soon as practical after grading to reduce windblown particulate in the area.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall implement a street sweeping program with Rule 1186-compliant PM₁₀-efficient vacuum units on at least a 14-day frequency.</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall abate dust nuisance by cleaning, sweeping and spraying with water, or other means as necessary. (Greenbook Section 7-8.1)</i> ○ <i>The contractor shall provide a self-loading motorized street sweeper equipped with a functional water spray system. The sweeper shall clean all paved areas within the work site and all pave haul routes at least once a day. (Greenbook Section 7-8.1)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites 	<p>BIO-1: <i>Prior to the onset of ground disturbance activities, the project developer shall implement the following mitigation measure which entails nesting surveys and avoidance measures for sensitive nesting and MBTA species, and appropriate agency consultation.</i></p> <p><i>Nesting habitat for protected or sensitive species:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <i>Vegetation removal and construction shall occur between September 1 and January 31 whenever feasible.</i> 2) <i>Prior to any construction or vegetation removal between February 15 and August 31, a nesting survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist of all habitats within 500 feet of the construction area. Surveys shall be conducted no less than 14 days and no more than 30 days prior to commencement of construction activities and surveys will be conducted in accordance with California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) protocol as applicable. If no active nests are identified on or within 500 feet of the construction site, no further mitigation is necessary. A copy of the pre-construction survey shall be submitted to the City of Huntington Beach. If an active nest of a MBTA protected species is identified onsite (per established thresholds), a 250-foot no-work buffer shall be maintained between the nest and construction activity. This buffer can be reduced in consultation with CDFG and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.</i> 3) <i>Completion of the nesting cycle shall be determined by a qualified ornithologist or biologist.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project 	<p>NOISE-1: <i>The City shall require by contract specifications the following measures:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ensure that all construction equipment has sound-control devices.</i> ○ <i>Prohibit equipment with un-muffled exhaust.</i> ○ <i>Site staging of equipment as far away from sensitive receptors as possible.</i> ○ <i>Limit idling of equipment whenever possible.</i> ○ <i>Notify adjacent residents in advance of construction work.</i> ○ <i>Educate contractors and employees to be sensitive to noise impact issues and noise control methods.</i> ○ <i>Install temporary acoustic barriers between the mobile home removal and construction activities and the row of mobile homes to remain closest to Atlanta Avenue. Acoustical barriers should provide a Sound Transmission</i>

	<p><i>Class Rating of 25 and should be situated in a manner to provide an uninterrupted continuous barrier between all mobile home removal and road construction activities. During the mobile home removal activities, the barriers should stretch from the east edge of the property to the west and zig-zag between homes where necessary. After removal of the mobile homes and prior to construction of the drive aisle within the mobile home property, the barrier can be straightened to stretch more directly from the east property line to the west property line.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5 • Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries 	<p>CULT-1: <i>If cultural resources are encountered during construction-related ground-disturbing activities, all construction personnel shall be informed of the need to stop work on the project site in the event of a potential find, until a qualified archaeologist has been provided the opportunity to assess the significance of the find and implement appropriate measures to protect or scientifically remove the find. Construction personnel shall also be informed that unauthorized collection of cultural resources is prohibited. If archaeological resources are discovered during ground-disturbing activities, all construction activities within 50 feet of the find shall cease until the archaeologist evaluates the significance of the resource. In the absence of a determination, all archaeological resources shall be considered significant. If the resource is determined to be significant, the archaeologist shall prepare a research design and recovery plan for the resources.</i></p> <p>CULT-2: <i>If human remains are discovered during construction or any earth-moving activities, the County Coroner must be notified of the find immediately. No further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has made a determination of origin and disposition pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the human remains are determined to be prehistoric, the Coroner must notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC), which will determine and notify a Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The designated MLD may make recommendations to the City for means of treating or disposing of, with appropriate dignity, the human remains and any associated grave goods.</i></p>

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FOR DRAFT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 09-001

- I. This document serves as the Response to Comments on Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001. This document contains all information available in the public record related to the Atlanta Avenue Widening Project as of September 3, 2010 and responds to comments in accordance with Section 15088 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

This document contains six sections. In addition to this Introduction, these sections are Public Participation and Review, Comments, Responses to Comments, Errata to Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001, and Appendix.

The Public Participation section outlines the methods the City of Huntington Beach has used to provide public review and solicit input on Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001. The Comments section contains those written comments received from agencies, groups, organizations, and individuals as of September 3, 2010. The Response to Comments section contains individual responses to each comment. The Errata to Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 is provided to show clarifications and corrections of errors and inconsistencies in the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration.

It is the intent of the City of Huntington Beach to include this document in the official public record related to Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) No. 09-001. Based on the information contained in the public record, the decision-makers will be provided with an accurate and complete record of all information related to the environmental consequences of the project.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REVIEW

The draft MND was made available for public review from August 5, 2010 to September 3, 2010. The City of Huntington Beach notified all responsible and interested agencies and interested groups, organizations, and individuals that Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 had been prepared for the proposed project. The City also used several methods to solicit input during the review period for the preparation of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001. The following is a list of actions taken during the preparation, distribution, and review of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001.

A Notice of Completion and copies of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 were filed with the State Clearinghouse on August 5, 2010. The State Clearinghouse assigned Clearinghouse Number 2010081014 to the proposed project. A copy of the Notice of Completion and the State Clearinghouse distribution list is available for review and inspection at the City of Huntington Beach, Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648.

An official 30-day public review period for Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 was established by the State Clearinghouse. It began on August 5, 2010 and ended on September 3, 2010. Public comment letters were received by the City of Huntington Beach through September 3, 2010.

Notice of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 was published in the Huntington Beach Independent on August 5, 2010 as well as advertised on the City's website. Notices were also sent to property owners and tenants within a 500' radius of the project site.

Copies of the document were made available to agencies, groups, organizations, and individuals at the following locations:

City Hall – City Clerk's Office
City Hall – Planning & Zoning Counter
Central Library
On the City's website

III. COMMENTS

Copies of all written comments received as of September 3, 2010 are contained in Appendix A of this document. All comments have been numbered and are listed on the following pages. All comments are referenced by number with the responses directly adjacent to the reference number for clarity. Responses to Comments for each comment that was submitted on draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 that raised an environmental issue are contained in this document.

IV. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001 was distributed to responsible agencies, interested groups, organizations, and individuals. The report was made available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days. The public review period for Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-016 was established by the State Clearinghouse on August 5, 2010 and expired on September 3, 2010. The City of Huntington Beach received comment letters through September 3, 2010.

Copies of all documents received as of September 3, 2010 are contained in Appendix A of this report. Comments have been numbered with responses correspondingly numbered. Responses are presented for each comment that raised a significant environmental issue.

Several comments do not address the completeness or adequacy of Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 09-001, do not raise significant environmental issues, or request additional information. A substantive response to such comments is not appropriate within the context of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Such comments are responded to with a "comment acknowledged" or similar reference. This indicates that the comment will be forwarded to all appropriate decision makers for their review and consideration.

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS – DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(MND NO. 09-001)**

State Departments

Department of Transportation

DOT-1: The comment states that the DOT has no comment at this time. Comment acknowledged.

Native American Heritage Commission

NAHC-1: This comment states that the NAHC is a trustee agency pursuant to the Public Resources Code and states that the City, as the lead agency, must assess the project's potential to have significant adverse impacts on cultural resources pursuant to CEQA. The area of potential effect (APE) has been determined and the project has been analyzed for potential impacts on cultural resources within the APE. The analysis of impacts and proposed mitigation measures can be found on pages 31 – 33 of the draft MND. Comment acknowledged.

NAHC-2: The comment states that the NAHC performed a Sacred Lands File search and Native American Cultural Resources were not identified within one-half mile of the APE. The comment also suggests early consultation with Native American tribes during the process. The technical studies performed for the analysis incorporated in the draft MND include consultation with the NAHC and Native American tribes. The conclusions and recommended mitigation measures in the draft MND are based, in part, on the information obtained from the NAHC and discussion with Native American tribes.

NAHC-3: The comment states that the City should contact the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). The City has received a letter from the OHP stating that the mobile home park property is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

NAHC-4: The comment cites existing codes and laws requiring Native American consultation. The tribes listed on the NAHC tribal contact list were consulted during preparation of the technical study and the draft MND. Comment acknowledged.

NAHC-5: The comment states that lead agencies should consider avoidance when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project and outline provisions in the event of discovery of resources during construction. The proposed mitigation measures include language that would require all construction activity to cease in the event that resources are discovered during construction. The mitigation measures also require that a qualified archeologist assess the find and provide for the protection or scientific removal of the resources.

NAHC-6: The comment states that the results of the Sacred Lands File search are confidential and exempt from the California Public Records Act. However, the Native Americans on the contact list are not prohibited from disclosing the nature of the cultural

resources. The comment also cites several codes that protect confidentiality of cultural resources. Comment acknowledged.

NAHC-7: The comment states that lead agencies are required to work with Native American tribes identified by the NAHC if the initial study identifies the presence or likely presence of Native American human remains within the APE. It should be noted that the initial study did not indicate that Native American human remains are within the APE nor is it likely that human remains would be present. The comment points out that CEQA guidelines provide for the dignified treatment of Native American human remains and associated grave liens. This is acknowledged and the recommended mitigation measures in the draft MND include language requiring dignified treatment of Native American human remains should they be discovered during construction. The comment also cites several codes and laws regarding requirements for Native American consultation and procedures for the accidental discovery of human remains during construction. These procedures are included in the proposed mitigation measures. Finally the comment states that disturbance of Native American cemeteries is a felony. Comment acknowledged.

NAHC-8: The comment reiterates that lead agencies should consider avoidance when significant cultural resources are discovered during project planning. As previously indicated, the proposed mitigation measures include provisions for the protection or scientific removal of resources as recommended by a qualified archeologist in the event they are discovered during construction.

Local/Regional Agencies

Huntington Beach Environmental Board

- EB-1: The project is seeking a Section 6005 Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans is the lead agency for environmental review under NEPA. The applicable provisions of the Federal Uniform Act for the relocation will be evaluated by the City with assistance from the City's Real Estate/Relocation Consultant and detailed in the required Relocation Plan.
- EB-2: A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) will be adopted for the project. The MMRP will ensure compliance with all required mitigation measures, including AQ-1.
- EB-3: Mitigation measure AQ-1 is required to be included in any contracts and plans for the project. Compliance with the measure cited in the comment will be verified through the provisions of applicable regulations of agencies such as SCAQMD and CARB, among others. Compliance with the regulations of these agencies include verifiable measures such as limitations on vehicle idling and soil and equipment haul times, fuel type and construction equipment specifications, watering of the construction site, street sweeping and other similar measures, which would ensure that no air contaminant is discharged in a quantity that would violate the applicable regulations of these agencies.

- EB-4: Comment acknowledged. Undergrounding existing overhead utilities will be considered. However, it should be noted that the ultimate relocation of the utilities will be determined by Southern California Edison.
- EB-5: The comment states that relocation of displaced dwellings/residents to an existing area in the mobile home park along the eastern boundary should be considered. Although a relocation site is not reasonably foreseeable at this time, the draft MND project description does identify this area as a potential relocation site and, as such, the site will be evaluated further as an option in the event of relocation. Comment acknowledged.
- EB-6: The comment states that relocation of displaced dwellings/residents to an existing area along Delaware Street and the eastern boundary of the mobile home park should be considered. Although the relocation site is not reasonably foreseeable at this time, the draft MND project description does identify this area as a potential relocation site and as such, the site will be evaluated further as an option in the event of relocation. Comment acknowledged.
- EB-7: Comment acknowledged. The comment will be forwarded to the Public Works Department for consideration.

Organizations/Individuals

Roger Savoie, Jr.

SAVO-1: The comment letter summarizes the commenter's opposition to the project and will be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission for consideration. Comment acknowledged. The comment also states that while the draft MND states that the number of residents to be relocated is 14, the actual number is 16 since the commenter, a resident of the mobile home park, has two sons living in his dwelling with him. This will be corrected in the Errata (see Section V). It should also be noted that this does not change the significance of the impacts identified on page 8 of the draft MND.

Hart, King & Coldren

HKC-1: The comment consists of a cover letter and states that the purpose of the comment letter is to "preserve the rights of the Park property owner to challenge the project..." and indicates that it is the desire of the property owner to "work out a mutually favorable result with the City." Comment acknowledged.

HKC-2: The comment states that because the statute of limitations is short for challenge under CEQA, the commenter may be forced to file a lawsuit to preserve the rights of the property owner. Comment acknowledged. The comment suggests that the City place the project and MND "on hold until there is funding for the Project acquisition and relocation." Although this comment does not relate to the environmental analysis in the draft MND, it should be noted that the associated coastal development permit and conditional use permit that would constitute action for carrying out the project have not been scheduled for action at this time. In addition, the project is funded through

the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), but must complete environmental review prior to receiving right-of-way funds.

- HKC-3: The comment summarizes the commenter's position that an EIR is required for the project and contends that there is no substantial evidence of public necessity for the project. The points of this comment are further detailed in the body of the letter and are responded to accordingly in the following responses (HKC-4 through HKC-19).
- HKC-4: The comment states that the MND does not provide a public necessity for the project and purports that this is required for projects involving the taking of a private property. The comment cites the California Code of Civil Procedures Section 1240.030, which provides that public necessity be established for a project in order to exercise eminent domain to acquire property. Comment acknowledged. The draft MND discloses environmental impacts of the project to the public and decision-makers. The draft MND, in accordance with CEQA, is not required to weigh the necessity or adequacy of benefits of the project to the public, nor does it make recommendations as to whether the project should be approved or denied. The comment states that the MND "admits that there is no current funding source that would allow the Project to be built within the near future." However, the MND states that the City anticipates receiving federal funds to construct the project, but cannot receive the funding until federal authorization to proceed is granted after environmental review is completed.

The comment states that the "MND alleges that the Project is made necessary by the previous approval of the mixed use Pacific City development...." The draft MND states that the project would bring the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue into compliance with the primary arterial designation specified in the General Plan. Atlanta Avenue was designated as a primary arterial prior to consideration of the Pacific City project. The Pacific City project has already widened Atlanta Avenue to its ultimate configuration, which leaves a "chokepoint" on the subject segment of Atlanta Avenue. While the project would alleviate the "chokepoint" and improve traffic safety in the project area, this is not the primary purpose of the project.

The comment states that the traffic study fails to assess whether a signal light at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street without the project would relieve any existing traffic obstruction and states that it is clear that the project, without a traffic signal light, will not relieve traffic congestion. As stated in the draft MND, the above-mentioned intersection is currently being signalized as part of the Pacific City project. The traffic study for the project compares existing and future traffic conditions with and without the project. Since the traffic signal is not part of the project and would be operating prior to implementation of the project, there is no requirement for the project traffic study to evaluate the project's traffic conditions without the signalization of the Atlanta Avenue/Huntington Street intersection. Additionally, as the traffic signal is not part of the proposed project, there is no requirement to analyze the installation of the traffic signal with or without the project.

The comment further summarizes the traffic discussion in the draft MND and cites excerpts from the traffic analysis that states that there is a greater potential for accidents due to the "chokepoint" that occurs within the subject segment of Atlanta

Avenue as well as the existing transit stop and lack of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The comment states that the MND does not provide evidence of a greater number of accidents at the intersection of Atlanta Avenue and Huntington Street and therefore, the conclusions in the draft MND are not supported. The comment also states that some of the “most heavily traveled roads, highways and Interstates in Southern California have well marked lane reductions without any significant reductions in safety.” Finally, the comment states that the traffic study “provides substantial evidence to the contrary of the MND justification for the project.” The comments related to the traffic study and proposed improvements to traffic circulation and safety are, in the context of the comment, made to point out that the draft MND does not provide a justification of public necessity for the project. As mentioned previously in this response, the role of the draft MND is to assess and disclose the project’s potential impacts, including beneficial impacts, on the environment and is not required to provide a justification for the project. However, it should be noted that the draft MND states that the project would help to minimize accident potential and vehicular conflicts and provide for improved traffic safety and does not assert that the project will result in a decrease of accidents in the project area, although that could be the case. The information in the analysis comes from a Traffic Study prepared for the project by a qualified professional as well as from the City’s Transportation Division. In addition, the comment provides information regarding roads and highways in Southern California without any evidence to support the claim. Furthermore, although the comment does not state that the traffic analysis is inadequate in assessing the project’s impacts on traffic and transportation, the analysis and conclusions in the draft MND are supported by substantial evidence that the project will not result in significant traffic impacts.

HKC-5: The comment cites CEQA and case law to make the point that CEQA requires an EIR when there is a fair argument that the project will have significant environmental impacts. The comment also points out that CEQA requires that “environmental considerations not become submerged by chopping a large project into many little ones, each with a potential impact on the environment, which cumulatively may have a significant impact.” Comment acknowledged.

HKC-6: The comment summarizes the project description of the draft MND and indicates that while the draft MND discloses that the project requires a conditional use permit and a coastal development permit it does not describe the potential conditions of approval for the conditional use permit and coastal development permit. The draft MND analyzes the aspects of the project that necessitate the above-mentioned discretionary permits, but does not make findings for approval of the discretionary permits. CEQA does not mandate that the draft MND make recommendations for or identify conditions of approval on the discretionary permits unless they would reduce an environmental impact or result in environmental impacts. All aspects of the project including those that trigger the discretionary permits have been analyzed in the draft MND.

The comment states that the MND should analyze the relocation of the residents and states that the MND reasons that the relocation cannot be analyzed “because the City has not yet obtained funding for the project.” See Responses HKC-4 and HKC-12.

The comment also states that the lack of funding “does not prevent the City from performing an analysis of whether there is sufficient room for relocation within the Park for those mobile homes.” The comment concludes that the project description is inadequate. The project description of the draft MND mentions potential alternatives for relocation of the residents, including on-site relocation. Because the exact relocation site is speculative at this point, the actual relocation is not further described in the project description.

The comment states that the City is “deliberately trying to avoid preparing an EIR by segmenting the Project so that it does not include relocation of Park residents.” CEQA requires environmental review of all direct impacts and reasonably foreseeable indirect impacts of a project. The draft MND indicates that relocation of residents is necessary for the acquisition of right-of-way required to construct the project. As such, the draft MND identifies the displacement of the residents as a result of the right-of-way acquisition as a potentially significant impact and provides mitigation to ensure that the impact (displacement of the residents) would be reduced to a less than significant level. The actual relocation site of the residents is speculative and therefore, not reasonably foreseeable. Thus, the impacts of the physical relocation would be analyzed as a separate project in accordance with CEQA. The comment further states that the project will “displace several families and result in the loss of the residential community characteristic of the area will clearly cause substantial adverse effects on human beings.” The comment cites CEQA case law to illustrate the point. See Response HKC-12. In addition, the draft MND acknowledges that the displacement of people/housing is a potentially significant impact and proposes mitigation to ensure that impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level. The residential community characteristic of the area will not be lost. Unlike the project cited in the CEQA case, no new commercial or industrial uses are proposed and the project does not propose to convert any existing uses to another use nor does it propose a change in the zoning or land use designation of the area. Once the project is complete, the existing uses of the project area as a road and mobile home park would be the same.

HKC-7: The comment states that there is a fair argument of significant project impacts on the environment and states that the MND contains several factually unsupported findings regarding significant environmental impacts. Comment acknowledged. The specific details of the purported “factually unsupported findings” regarding impacts and the commenter’s proposed fair argument are detailed in subsequent comments.

HKC-8: The comment states that the MND incorrectly finds that the project will not conflict with any applicable land use regulation of an agency over the mobile home park. The comment states that the project requires a conditional use permit for the block wall, which is not currently permitted, and would “impose additional burdens and conditions on the Park owner.” This is incorrect. The Huntington Beach Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (HBZSO) permits the proposed block wall subject to a conditional use permit. Any conditions of approval adopted for the conditional use permit would be the responsibility of the City as the project applicant. The proposed block wall would not impact any scenic coastal views since it would be replacing an existing wood fence, and more importantly, there are no scenic coastal views in the project area. In addition, the removal of trees is addressed in the draft MND in both