

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
for the
**NORTHEAST-SOUTHWEST ARTERIAL
CONNECTOR PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6, 2018

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
AND
DENISE DUFFY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**



MEETING OVERVIEW

- Introductions
- Proposed Project Overview
- Environmental Review Process
- Purpose of Scoping Meeting
- Public Comments
- Charrette

Introductions

Project Overview

Project Background

- Base Reuse Plan 1997
Transportation Network
- 1997, 2005, and 2017 Traffic
Studies
- 2012 Preliminary Initial Study
Checklist

Project Overview

Project Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the proposed project is to make improvements to the on-site former Fort Ord transportation system necessary to reduce future traffic congestion along Highway 1, 12th Street (now Imjin Parkway), Blanco Road, and the Del Monte/2nd/General Jim Moore Boulevard corridor while maintaining valued recreational, cultural, and natural resources, consistent with the Reuse Plan Final EIR and Development and Resource Management Plan.

- 20 objectives to implement project purpose

Project Overview

Preliminary Project Screening Analysis

■ Purpose

- *Identify and recommend a project to be analyzed as the proposed project in the environmental review process that:*
 - meets most of the approved goals and objectives
 - is potentially feasible
- *First step in identifying potential alternatives*

Project Overview

Preliminary Project Screening Analysis

■ Screening Criteria

- *First Tier – meet underlying project purpose*
- *Second Tier – potentially feasible*
 - Legal, regulatory, technical, economic, and environmental
 - ROW, FONM, Regulatory Permitting
- *Third Tier – of those that passed, three additional environmental factors were considered*
 - Widening Reservation Road – East Garrison Dr to Watkins Gate
 - Widening Inter-Garrison – Schoonover to East Garrison Dr
 - Conservation Easement parcel

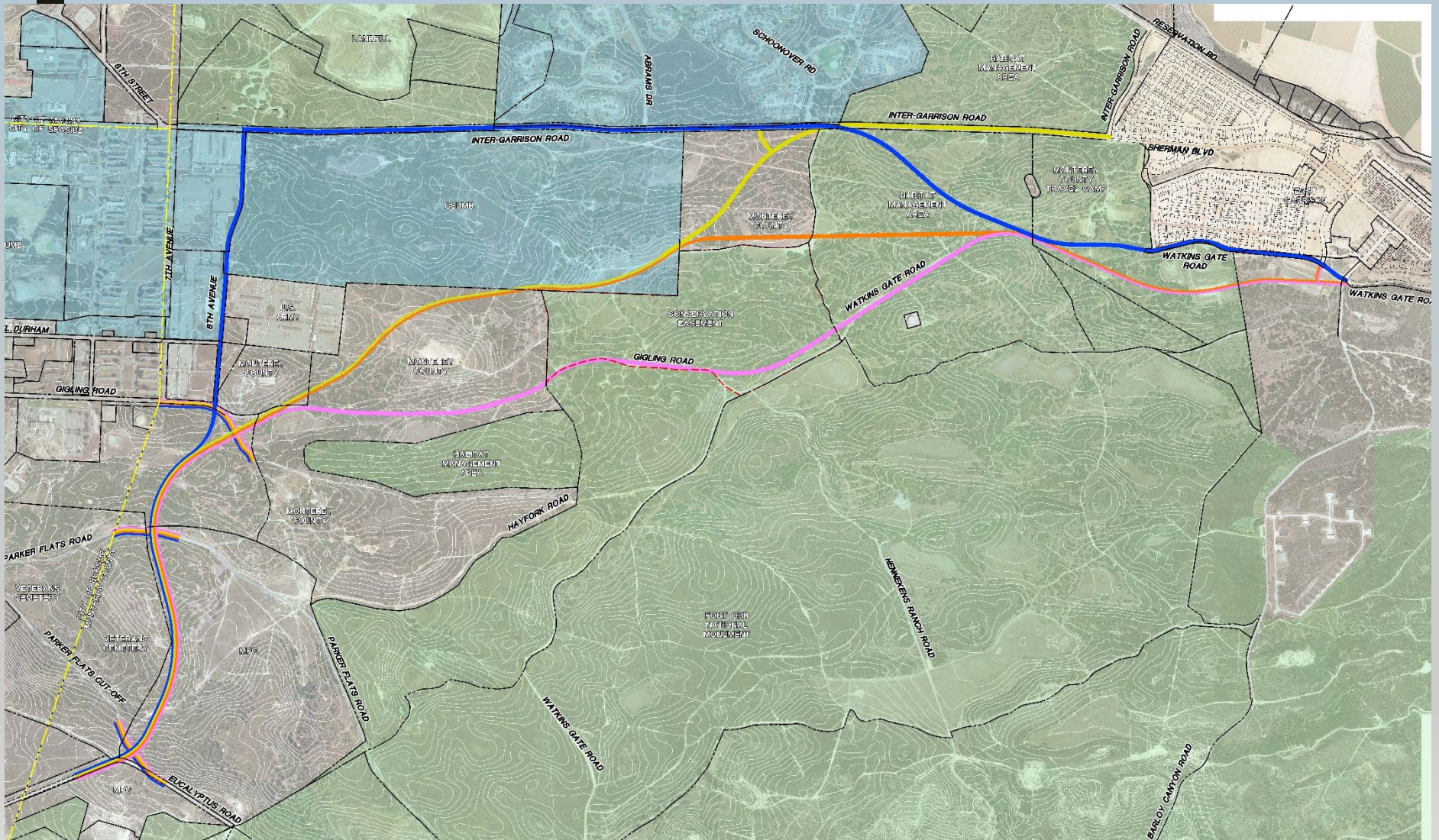
Project Overview

Preliminary Project Screening Analysis

■ Results

- *Identified 41 potential projects*
- *4 potential projects passed to Third Tier*
- *Orange alignment recommended as proposed project*
- *Other 3 potential projects should be considered as alternatives*
- *3 potential project components should also be considered*
 - Increased Carpool Opportunities
 - Replace stop signs/signals on GJM with roundabouts
 - Park-N-Ride Lots, Shuttle/Bus systems

Potential Projects Analyzed in Third Tier



Proposed Project

- Approximately 4.5 miles
- Extends from Eucalyptus Road to Watkins Gate Road
- 2-Lane Arterial Roadway
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
- Recreational Improvements
- Intersection Improvements
- Utilities



For More Information

FORA's Website & Project Site:

<http://www.fora.org>

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- Email Notification List
- connector@fora.org
- Community Engagement Plan
- Preliminary Project Screening Memo
- Relevant Documents

Environmental
Review Process

Purpose & Requirements of CEQA

- Inform decision-making
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage
- Prevent significant damage to environment
- Public disclosure
- Public Participation



Environmental Review Process

Environmental Impact Report Purpose

- FORA is the Lead Agency
- Disclose and evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts
- Identify mitigation measures to lessen or avoid impacts
- Identify and evaluate reasonable alternatives that may lessen one or more potentially significant impacts

EIR Process



Notice of Preparation & Scoping

Purpose of Today's Meeting

- 30-day public comment period for NOP review
- Solicit comments on the scope and content of the EIR
- Comments should identify:
 - *Environmental issues or concerns*
 - *Reasonable alternatives & mitigation measures*
 - *Other issues related to the content of the EIR*

Key Topics to be Addressed in EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Alternatives
- Construction vs. Operational Impacts
- Direct and Indirect Adverse Impacts
- Cumulative
- Other CEQA-required issues

We want to hear from you!

- Oral and written comments accepted today
- Please provide written comments today or through September 25th at 5:00 PM
- All comments will be compiled and summarized
- Included and addressed in EIR



Comments encouraged!

Comments on Scope of EIR

Comments Due: September 25, 2018, 5 PM

Ways to provide comment:

1. provide verbal comments today
2. transmit today on comment cards
3. email comments to connector@fora.org
4. mail in your comment to

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Thank you for your interest and participation!

Public Comments

Charrette