

COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Highway 127 Baker to NTC Project

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the *Highway 127 Baker to NTC Project*.

Project Title: Highway 127 Baker to NTC

Project No.: AP20150003

Project Location: Baker, CA to U.S. Army NTC at Fort Irwin in California

Project Description: The Proposed Action (or Proposed Project) is to install approximately 12.25 miles of FOC from the unincorporated community of Baker to the U.S. Army NTC at Fort Irwin in California. The entire alignment falls within or near disturbed to moderately-disturbed roadway alignments. The majority of the Route roughly parallels Highway 127, also known as State Route (SR)-127.

The Project route (Route) is comprised of four Segments totaling approximately 12.25 miles, beginning at the intersection of Mill Road and Baker Boulevard and ending at the National Training Center's Cell Tower Site 9. Segment 1 is approximately 1.58 miles along Mill Street and Silver Lane, Segment 2 is approximately 7.20 miles along SR-127, Segment 3 is approximately 2.87 miles along Silver Lane Road, and Segment 4 is approximately 0.60 mile from the border of Fort Irwin to Cell Tower Site 9.

The new FOC is needed to support AT&T's Shoshone Central Office cellular network (Shoshone district) and the NTC's CTC-IS RCS.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

Land Use Services Department - Planning Division 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, First Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

document electronic following You may obtain the in format via the link: http://cms.sbcountv.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx or by emailing the Planner at Linda.Mawby@lus.sbcounty.gov. To request a CD of the document from the Land Use Services Department, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the IS/MND closes on **May 4, 2015 at 5:00 PM.** Please submit comments to <u>Linda.Mawby@lus.sbcounty.gov</u> or to:

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