ZAYO'S PRINEVILLE TO RENO PROJECT CPUC MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT FORM

[with instructions]

Minor Project refinements are strictly limited to changes that will not trigger an additional permit requirement, do not substantially increase the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on criteria used in the SB156 Exemption Report, create a new significant impact, are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the SB156 Exemption Report, and that do not conflict with any environmental measure or applicable law or policy.

Date Requested:	Report No.:		
15 Oct 2024	7		
Date Approved:	Approval Agency:		
11/6/24	Caltrans, in addition to CPUC		
Property Owner(s):	Location/Milepost:		
Caltrans (State Route 395 ROW)	PM M-36.08 to M-36.22 (S to N)		
Land Use/Vegetative Cover:	Sensitive Resources:		
Ruderal (maintained highway shoulder near edge of pavement)	Waterways at culverts to be avoided by boring underneath culverts. Cultural resources will s need to be avoided. (See project webmap.)		

The proposed change is a shift of the fiber optic running line from previously submitted engineering drawings. The change entails bringing the running line closer to the highway edge of pavement to avoid existing tree dripline/canopy in accordance with requirements of the Caltrans Encroachment Permit.

Describe how Project refinement deviates from current Project. Include photos.

What to include in this section:

- <u>Original Condition</u>: A concise description of the existing condition as it is originally described and approved (NTP, engineering specifications, Final EA/ISMND, etc.)—i.e., how did the applicant originally intend to build this/do this?
- <u>Justification for change</u>: A concise description of and justification for the change requested i.e., what happened to make the change necessary?
 - These descriptions should be detailed enough and include enough background so that a person unfamiliar with the Project should be able to follow the narrative about what the original plan was and why the new plan is needed instead
 - The description should be in layman's terms to the extent possible. Be as specific as possible.
 The more vague the language, the more conditions may need to be added to account for omissions. Avoid logic leaps
- Maps and Figures: The exact location(s)/Project component(s) the change will affect. Include dimensions, if applicable. A map and/or figure is usually extremely helpful. Make sure the map is at a readable scale. Ideally, the map should be based on the most current Project map and show other Project components, survey areas, underlying topography, etc.
- <u>Environmental Impact</u>: Demonstrate that the applicant has considered how this change will affect environmental/cultural resources. List EMs, plans, permits, etc. that were reviewed in order to ensure that this change will not result in significant impacts
 - Include analyses demonstrating that projected impacts will not be significant (e.g., narrative justification, tables, figures, calculations, etc.). Base this analysis on what was previously analyzed in the NTP, SB156 Exemption Report, etc.
- <u>Concurrence (if appropriate)</u>: Demonstrate that the applicant has considered whether other agencies, municipalities, utilities, etc. would need to provide concurrence with this MPM. If so, either provide anticipated contact/approval schedule, or provide dates/contact reports/emails with approvals.

Resources:							
Biological	No Resources Present	☐ Resources Present	□ N/A, Change would not affect resources				
Previous Biological Survey Report Reference:							
Stantec conducted the botanical surveys from May to August of 2019 and April to August 2020, capturing bloom periods of all target species. Stantec biologists conducted a wildlife reconnaissance of the Action Area, including a visual inspection of lands adjacent to the Action Area, during September 2019. A round of pre-construction surveys in 2024 has been completed during resource flagging. There are are no known sensitive biological resources located in the area subject to this RFI.							
Cultural	☐ No Resources Present	Resources Present	□ N/A, changes would not affect resources				
Previous Cultural Survey Report Reference:							
The APE, defined in the subject area as Caltrans ROW, was surveyed by Stantec archaeologists in June and July 2020. The proposed new alignment was surveyed in 2024 during resource flagging. There is a cultural resources polygon that will be avoided as before.							
Disturbance Acreage Changes: □ Yes ■ No							
Original 0.05 disturbance (2,2	1 acres 18 sq ft)	New disturbance acreage: no cha	nge in disturbance acreage				

SB156 Exemption Report Section	Applicable	(Y) Define potential impact or (N) briefly explain why SB 156 Exemption Report section isn't applicable. If (Y), describe original and new level of impact, and environmental measures to be taken. [Add notes to specify whether agency consultation is necessary, and if so, provide brief summary of that consultation.]
Geology, Soils, and Seismic	☐ Yes ☐ No	Erosion risk is reduced by moving line from steep slope to flat toe of slope near edge of pavement
Agency Consultation?	■ Yes	Caltrans concurrently consulted for approval of changed conduit location within Caltrans ROW.
Hazardous Materials and Waste	☐ Yes ☐ No	No additional hazardous materials or waste will be produced by the proposed change.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Hydrology	☐ Yes ☐ No	No adverse impact to hydrology will result from the proposed design change.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Cultural Resources	■ Yes	A cultural resource polygon will be avoided as per before
Agency Consultation?	■ Yes	Caltrans staff were consulted during project planning.
Traffic and Circulation	■ Yes	Construction on road shoulder will likely require lane closure and traffic control.
Agency Consultation?	■ Yes	Consulting with Caltrans regarding need for lane closure and traffic control.
Air Quality	☐ Yes ■ No	No alteration of impacts to air quality will be caused by the proposed change.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Yes ■ No	
Noise and Vibration	☐ Yes ■ No	No increase in noise and vibration will occur owing to the proposed change.
Agency Consultation?	☐ Yes ■ No	
Aesthetics/ Visual Resources	☐ Yes ■ No	Proposed change may decrease visual resource impact (less temp. vegetation removal).
Agency Consultation?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Vegetation and Wildlife	☐ Yes ■ No	Shift of running line likely to decrease potential for impacts to vegetation and wildlife.
Agency Consultation?	□ Yes ■ No	

Approvals	Date	Name (print)	Signa	ature	
Zayo Project Manager	10/15/24 •	Brianna Daniels	Digitally signed by Daniels, Brianna DN: CN="Daniels, Brianna", OLI-Internal, OUI-users, OLI-Int		Reviewed
CPUC Project Manager	11/08/2024	Connie Chen	connie chen		X Approved with conditions (see below) □ Denied
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For CPUC Compliance Manager Use Only ■ Refinement Approved □ Refinement Denied □ Beyon			ond Authority		
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Caltrans approva	l obtained	10/15/24 (attached)		
Prepared by: ECORP Consulting			Date: 11/6/24		

Farley, Damion@DOT Daniels, Brianna RE: Zayo Hwy 395 Broadband - RFI 207/208 Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:17:18 AM image001.nng

I have reviewed the email below and take no exceptions to the plan to move the alignment outside the dripline of the trees.

I appreciate the effort to satisfy the permit conditions.

Please contact me with any questions.

Damion Farley, PE Resident Engineer North Region Construction Caltrans District 2 2707 Notre Dame Blvd. Chico, CA 95928 530.759.3778.

From: Daniels, Brianna < Brianna, Daniels@stantec.com> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024 11:03 AM To: Farley, Damion@DOT <damion.farley@dot.ca.gov> Subject: Zayo Hwy 395 Broadband - RFI 207/208

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HI Damion, I would like to request your review and coordination with Caltrans functional reviewers for the following RFI:

Summary: In compliance with the approved encroachment permit, the running line needs to be shifted to avoid the tree dripline for the grove of trees shown below. The proposed offset from the edge of pavement is 15' from MP 36.08 to 36.22 as shown in the drawing attached. There are two culverts (MP 36.13 and 36.21) that will be bored to a minimum depth of 24" below the culvert, consistent with permit requirements. This shift only applies at the location of the trees and will return to the original alignment as shown in the attached drawings.

Schedule: This section has been skipped. The contractor will construct this following approvals by Caltrans and CPUC.

- Maintenance The proposed shift reduces the change for damage to the tree root system, resulting in a potential degradation in tree health and the potential for added future maintenance and/or removal.
- Design The proposed alignment is at the toe of the small roadside embankment. There are two additional borings for the culverts at MP 36.21 and 36.13. All design is consistent with the requirements of the approved permit.
- Environmental The proposed alignment does not create any additional impacts and protects the existing trees. Because the alignment is greater than 20' outside the original alignment, this requires CPUC review and approval. Stantec will be sending the package to CPUC representatives concurrent with Caltrans review.

RE Recommendation: I recommend approval of this alignment as it meets the intent and requirements of the permit.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,

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