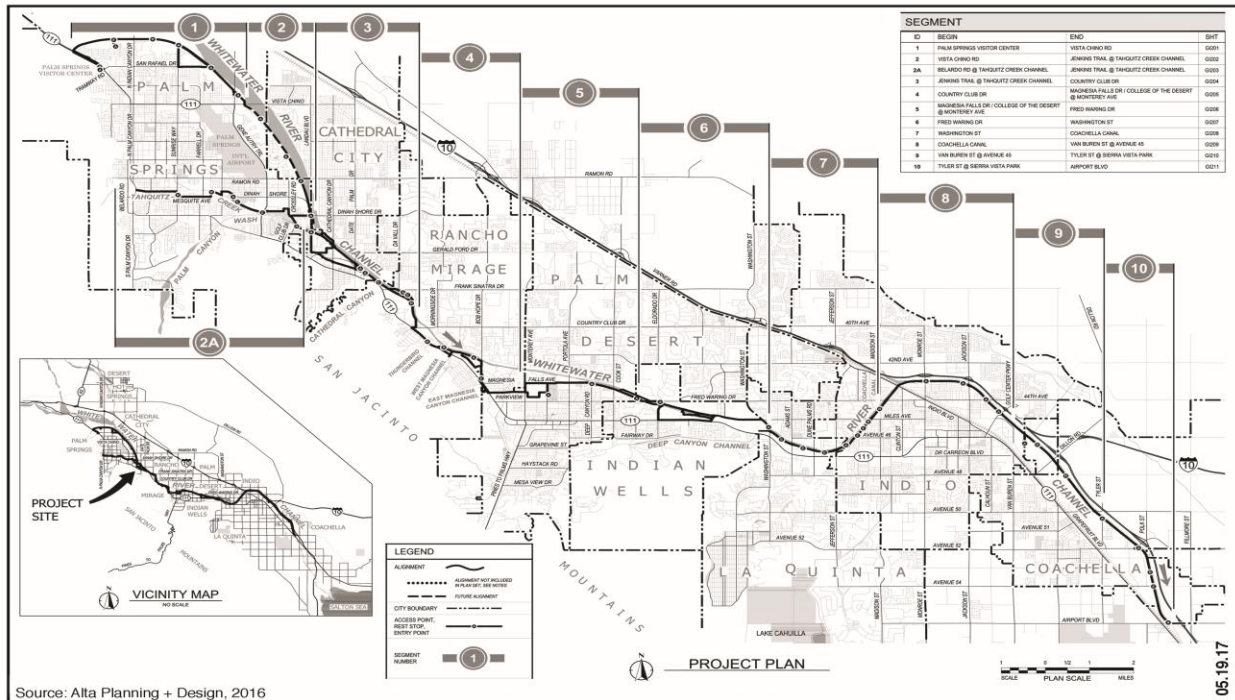


# Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for CV Link Project (Federal Project Number: ATPL- 6164 (022))



## WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), in cooperation with Caltrans, proposes to construct a 49± mile multi-modal transportation path across eight (8) municipalities, unincorporated county lands, and reservation land of three (3) Native American Tribes. All alignments analyzed total 64.34± miles in length. The estimated cost of the project is \$100 million. Currently the project area lacks multi-modal connectivity throughout the valley and access between such uses as home, school, recreation, employment, and commercial services. The purpose of the project is to address this lack of integrated multi-modal access throughout the valley and enhance the active transportation network from the City of Palm Springs to the City of Coachella. Generally, it will feature a broad paved path for Low Speed Electric Vehicles (LSEVs) and bicycles, and softer-surface narrower paths for pedestrians.

The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Caltrans.

## WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

CVAG and Caltrans have studied the proposed project and prepared the *Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)*, which considers the environmental impacts of three alternative alignments and the no build alternative. Significant environmental effects anticipated include noise, traffic, land use, visual and cumulative impacts. Cumulative impacts include potential for substantial impacts related to visual, noise, and natural communities. This notice is to advise you that the DEA is available for you to read.

## WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The *DEA* will be available for 30 days from December 29, 2017 until January 29, 2018. The document will be available for review at the following locations, at the website, [www.cvag.org](http://www.cvag.org), or by contacting CVAG (contact info below).

- CVAG offices, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Caltrans, District 8, 464 W. Fourth Street, 6th Floor, MS 760, San Bernardino, CA 92401. Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Cathedral City Library, 33520 Date Palm Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234. During normal library hours.
- La Quinta Library, 78275 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, CA 92253. During normal library hours.

## WHERE YOU COME IN

Would you like to make any comments on the project, the alternative alignments or the *DEA*? **Please submit your comments in writing no later than January 29, 2018** to Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation, CVAG, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm

Desert, CA 92260. The date we will begin accepting comments is December 29, 2017. Responses to comments received during the public review period will be included in the *Final Environmental Assessment (FEA)* and will be considered in selection of the Preferred Alternative. The *FEA* will identify the Preferred Alternative and Caltrans will decide whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Notice of said decision will be provided to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review period is complete and the *FEA* is prepared.

## **CONTACT**

For more information about this project or to receive a copy of the *DEA*, please contact Martin Magaña, Director of Transportation, CVAG, 73710 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260, at (760) 346-2711 or [mmagana@cvag.org](mailto:mmagana@cvag.org). Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, requests for accommodations (documents in alternate formats, etc.) can be made by contacting the individual noted above.