



Final Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan and
Associated Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement
for the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program

Program History

- Measure M2 (M2) includes a provision to provide comprehensive mitigation for streamlined approvals of freeway projects
- 2007: Early Action Plan approved to advance M2 projects including Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program
- 2009: Agreements with resource agencies
- 2010: Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) and Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) process began
- 2015: Draft NCCP/HCP and EIR/EIS released for public review



Final NCCP/HCP and Final EIR/EIS

- November 2014 – February 2015: Public Review Period
 - Two public meetings held
- October 2016: Final NCCP/HCP and Final EIR/EIS Completed
 - Document responds to 48 comments from the public
 - Commentary/Editorial
 - Technical NCCP/HCP
 - Trails/Public Access



Implementing Agreement (IA)

- Outlines provisions of the NCCP/HCP
 - Covered projects (M2 freeway projects, Preserves, and restoration projects)
 - Covered species (habitat and wildlife)
 - Preserves management responsibilities
 - M2 freeway projects environmental framework
 - No surprise clause
- Ensures successful implementation of NCCP/HCP in accordance with state and federal permits and applicable law
- Included as appendix to NCCP/HCP

Recommendations

- A. Certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report in accordance to the California Environmental Quality Act
- B. Approve the Conservation Plan
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Implementing Agreement, between the OCTA and the resources agencies

Next Steps

- Actions by wildlife agencies to approve NCCP/HCP and Final EIR/EIS
- Execute IA following Board approval
- Finalize preserves activities
- Seek new restoration projects to fulfill remaining mitigation requirements
- Develop a biological permitting process
- Annual monitoring reports