

Notice of Availability
Finding of No Significant Impact
408-2022-0014

Associated with the Interstate 10: Ina Road Traffic Interchange (TI) to Ruthrauff Road TI Project

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Los Angeles District has finalized a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for 408-2022-0014 associated with the Interstate 10: Ina Road TI to Ruthrauff Road TI Project.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations allow for a Federal agency to adopt another agency's environmental assessment (40 CFR § 1506.3(c)). USACE Engineer Circular (EC) 1165-2-220 describes policy and procedural guidance for processing requests to alter USACE Civil Work projects pursuant to 33 USC Section 408. EC 1165-2-220 (Appendix D) strongly encourages USACE districts to adopt and/or incorporate by reference any NEPA documentation that may exist for the Federal project. USACE may adopt, in whole or in part, another Federal agency's draft or final EA. When adopting all or portions of another agency's EA, USACE is still responsible for developing a FONSI, as applicable, to document NEPA compliance for the Section 408 permission decision. This FONSI documents the USACE decision regarding the 408 permission request to alter the USACE Civil Works project.

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), through the Pima County Regional Flood Control District (PCRFCFCD), proposes to alter the Rillito River and Associated Streams as part of the overall Gila River and Tributaries, Arizona, and New Mexico, a USACE federally authorized Civil Works project. The proposed alteration to the USACE project involves reconstructing the mainline Interstate 10 bridge over Rillito River to a new bridge approximately 355-feet long and 173-feet wide, as well as removing and reconstructing pavement, lanes, traffic interchanges, catch basins, storm drains, multiuse pathway connections, signage, fencing, and utilities in the city of Tucson, Pima County, Arizona

(Section 408 Activity). The Section 408 Activity is part of the construction of the Interstate 10 Bridge Reconstruction Project (Proposed Project).

In accordance with NEPA, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) in May 2012 published a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) for the Proposed Project. On November 15, 2012, ADOT issued a FONSI. On April 29, 2022, ADOT published an Environmental Assessment Re-evaluation, which in pertinent part evaluates Proposed Project changes and concluded that “the changes in design since the original EA has resulted in no significant change in environmental impacts.” The USACE independently reviewed the Final EA and 2022 EA Re-evaluation and determined that Final EA and the EA Re-evaluation sufficiently identify and evaluate the environmental impacts related to the Section 408 Activity. Therefore, in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3(c), USACE’s NEPA regulations at 33 CFR Part 230, and EC 1165-2-220, the USACE adopted ADOT’s Final EA and EA Re-evaluation.

Click each link for the ADOT’s Final EA, Environmental Evaluation, and the USACE’s FONSI:

ADOT’s 2012 Final EA:

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/408%20Permits/I10%20Ina%20Road%20to%20Ruthrauff%20Road%20Final%20EA%20FONSI%2020121115.pdf?ver=Knn9TFfPuhR1qLH8vwSoJA%3d%3d×tamp=1671126468732>

ADOT’s 2022 Environmental Re-evaluation:

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/408%20Permits/I10%20Ina%20Road%20to%20Ruthrauff%20Road%20EA%20Re-eval%2020220429.pdf?ver=1-mJGSFJaoyeg69Q2dDbjg%3d%3d×tamp=1671126459831>

USACE's 2022 FONSI:

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Portals/17/408%20Permits/408-SPL-2022-0014%20FONSI%2020221130.pdf?ver=n0WekDZfWA9wanbdnSOeCg%3d%3d×tamp=1671126443215>

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