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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: March 20, 2014

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: CITY OF SALINAS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON THE  
SANBORN ROAD/U.S. HIGHWAY 101 AND ELVEE DRIVE  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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SUBJECT: ELVE DRIVE PROJECT  
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March 26, 2014

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SUBJECTS: SANBORN ROAD/US HIGHWAY 101 AND ELVEE  
DRIVE RE-WORK  
TERMINATED

NEW DIRECTION: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BASED ON  
REVISED SCOPE OF WORK FOR ABOVE NAMED  
PROJECT

After meeting for approximately 3 years on the original subjected project broken down into 2 phases, we now understand the new project is all in-compassing as a single project to improve traffic flow as noted above. (See exhibit 1)

It became impossible to accept the closing of Elvee Drive at Sanborn, which the Public Works Department insisted upon. Since the Elvee Business Group could not agree on what the City wanted to do in the previous plan, it was cancelled.

We now have a new project called a "Mitigated Negative Declaration Study" on the closure of Elvee Drive at Sanborn of approximately 83 pages with an appendix of more than 100 pages.

After reviewing these 2 documents, we find no discussion of the removal of the eucalyptus trees that blocks the viewing of most of Elvee Drive Business Group and the new Elvee road extension to Work Street. We need the view open for the public to see the new Elvee Drive extension.

A second element that has not been mentioned is directional signing for the new road and restrictions set up for the Elvee Drive intersection with Sanborn. Since we are dealing with a lot of out of area drivers, the signing must be something different than normal street name signs.

The previous plan was all about traffic flow with little or no consideration of the business element. Once the new plan is fine-tuned we should have a plan that works for all parties.

It is most important that you review Hexagon Transportation Consultants' plan for improving the Elvee Drive and Sanborn intersection. (Exhibit 2)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. W. Frieberg".

R. W. Frieberg  
PRESIDENT

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Enclosures

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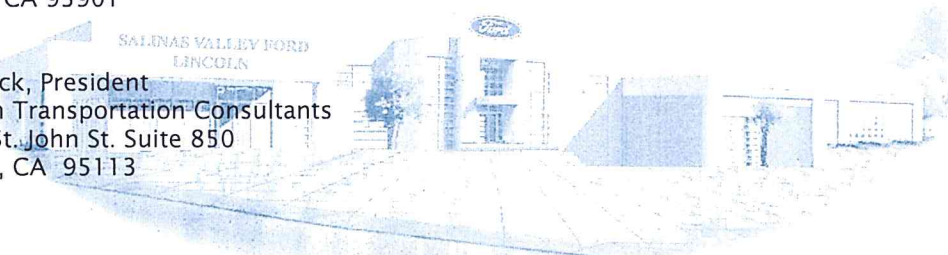
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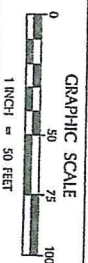


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CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT  
U.S. 101 SB OFF-RAMP - ELVEE DRIVE AND SANBORN ROAD

DESIGNED BY: M. POWELL  
DATE: 7/23/2013







# HEXAGON TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS, INC.

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February 10, 2014

Ms. Eda Herrera  
Engineering Division  
Public Works Department  
City of Salinas  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Re: Comments on the Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 and Elvee Drive Improvements DEIR**

Dear Ms. Herrera:

Hexagon Transportation Consultants, Inc. has been retained by the property owners on Elvee Drive, including Ron Frieberg and Mark Leonard, to review the Draft EIR for the Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 and Elvee Drive Improvements. Our clients are concerned about the rejection of the alternative that would keep Elvee Drive open at Sanborn Road for right turns only.

Our clients support the alternative that would keep open the connection of Elvee Drive to Sanborn Road. The Sanborn/Elvee signalized intersection would be eliminated, and the driveway to Elvee Drive would be relocated approximately 100 feet to the south. The addition of a median on Sanborn Road through the current Sanborn/Elvee intersection would limit access to Elvee Drive only to right-in/right-out movements.

Understanding our clients' concerns of potential business loss, the City of Salinas has identified three alternatives to maintain direct access to Elvee Drive from Sanborn Road, but all three have been deemed infeasible. All alternatives were rejected for the same three reasons, summarized below:

1. Non-conformance with the project objective to improve the existing substandard operations
2. Non-conformance with the Caltrans mandatory design requirement for 400-foot minimum intersection spacing
3. Necessary but economically infeasible Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition from the adjacent Pilot Travel Center parcel to conform with Caltrans mandatory design requirement

The DEIR has described three existing substandard operations at the Sanborn/Elvee intersection. 1) Long trucks performing wide right turns from the southbound US 101 off-ramp onto Elvee Drive block through traffic on Sanborn Road. 2) The proximity of the two traffic lights (at Sanborn/Elvee and Sanborn/southbound US 101 off-ramp) has resulted in unnecessary stop times. 3) The current intersection configuration has caused "relatively high" accident rates.

Hexagon has previously submitted a design alternative that would solve all three substandard operations. Our proposed alternative would realign Elvee Drive approximately 100 feet to the south. The additional 100 feet would split the existing one wide-right-U-turn (from the southbound US 101 off-ramp onto Elvee Drive) into one right-turn onto Sanborn Road and one wide-right-turn onto Elvee Drive. With the wide-right-turn shifted onto Elvee Drive, through traffic on Sanborn Road would not be blocked by long trucks.

By removing the signalized intersection at Sanborn/Elvee, our proposed project would eliminate the operational inefficiency caused by the proximity of the two traffic lights. By adding a median on Sanborn Road at Elvee Drive, our proposed alternative would prevent all left-turn traffic onto Elvee Drive. This design would further improve operational efficiency by eliminating potential left-turn pocket overflows.

With the current configuration, the proximity of the two traffic lights creates confusion for drivers and likely causes the "relatively high" accident rates as identified by the DEIR. By redesigning and simplifying the current configuration, our proposed alternative could potentially reduce confusion from the drivers and reduce traffic accidents.

The DEIR has discussed that our proposed alternative would violate the Caltrans 400-foot minimum intersection spacing design requirement. While the DEIR has also noted that Caltrans grants design



Ms. Eda Herrera  
February 10, 2014  
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exceptions, Caltrans staff has expressed that the headquarters office is "unlikely to approve this exception because the exception would not relieve the existing substandard operations." This statement is not true with regard to the Hexagon alternative that moves Elvee Drive away from the US101 off-ramp. Furthermore, within a 50-mile radius of the studied area, on US 101 alone, Hexagon has identified numerous intersections closer than 400 feet from interchange ramps (see attached table). Directly north of the studied area, at the interchange of John/southbound US 101 off-ramp, the intersection spacing to John/Griffin is only 50 feet. Caltrans has also approved the very recent construction (completed in 2009) of the interchange of US 101 at Peninsula Ave in San Mateo, which is only 300 feet from the intersection of Peninsula & Airport Blvd (which is a signalized intersection). If we were to expand our search to include all freeways in California, we would identify many hundreds, if not thousands, of interchanges with intersections within 400 feet. These examples suggest that the Caltrans design requirement is more of a goal rather than a requirement in actual practice.

The only specific DEIR comment on our proposed alternative was that it would require extensive and economically infeasible ROW acquisition from the adjacent Pilot Travel Center to conform to Caltrans design requirements. Under our current design, the additional ROW required for the realignment of Elvee Drive is owned by the City of Salinas. As stated above, we believe that Caltrans would grant the design exception, so no ROW acquisition would be required.

For these reasons, we believe that our proposed alternative is not only "technically and economically feasible," but it is also consistent with all relevant project objectives. Our proposed alternative would accomplish all relevant project objectives as successfully as the preferred alternative. Moreover, our proposed alternative would eliminate our clients' concern for business loss.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**HEXAGON TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS, INC.**

Gary Black, President





**Table 1**

**Interchange-Intersection Spacing Less than 400 Feet on US 101 (non-exhaustive)**

Interchange	Interchange Type	Intersection	Intersection Type	City	Distance (ft)	New
NB 101 & Fairview Ave	unsignalized	Fairview Ave & Sharon Dr	unsignalized	Salinas	113	
NB 101 & Fairview Ave	unsignalized	Fairview Ave & Beverly Dr	unsignalized	Salinas	120	
NB 101 & Sanborn Rd	unsignalized	Sanborn Rd & Mayfair Dr	unsignalized	Salinas	220	
NB 101 & John St	four-way	John St & Meadow Dr	unsignalized	Salinas	201	
NB 101 & John St	four-way	Wood St & James St	unsignalized	Salinas	335	
NB 101 & Laurel St	signalized	Adam St & Laurel St	signalized	Salinas	208	
NB 101 & Tennant Ave	signalized	Tennant Ave & Condit Rd	unsignalized	Morgan Hill	370	
SB 101 & McKee Rd	signalized	McKee Rd & N 28th St	signalized	San Jose	270	
NB 101 & Fair Oaks Ave	signalized	Fair Oaks Ave & Weddell Dr	signalized	San Jose	381	~1993
SB 101 & Rengstorff Ave	signalized	Rengstorff Ave & Leghorn St	signalized	Mtn View	240	
NB 101 & Embarcadero Rd	signalized	Embarcadero Rd & Geng Rd	signalized	Palo Alto	290	
NB 101 & Donohoe St	signalized	Donohoe St & Cooley Ave	signalized	East Palo Alto	351	
NB 101 & Peninsula Ave	signalized	Peninsula Ave & Airport Blvd	signalized	San Mateo	345	2009
SB 101 & Donovan Rd	signalized	Donovan Rd & College Dr	signalized	Santa Maria	305	
NB 101 & E Branch St	signalized	E Branch St & W Branch St	signalized	Arroyo Grande	263	
NB 101 & 4th St	signalized	4th St & James Way	signalized	Pismo Beach	300	
NB 101 & Wadsworth St	unsignalized	Wadsworth Ave & Bello St	four-way	Pismo Beach	107	
SB 101 & Los Osos Valley Rd	signalized	Los Osos Valley Rd & Calle Joaquin	signalized	SLO	335	



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**From:** Eda Herrera <eda@ci.salinass.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 10:31 AM  
**To:** Ron Sissemm  
**Subject:** FW: Sanborn Road/US HWY 101/Elvee Drive-Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP)

Below is a comment regarding the MND and monitoring reporting program.

Eda

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**From:** Quezada, Manuel Ext.4874 [<mailto:quezadam@co.monterey.ca.us>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2014 2:30 PM  
**To:** Eda Herrera  
**Cc:** Boyer, Rich Ext.4894  
**Subject:** RE: Sanborn Road/US HWY 101/Elvee Drive-Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP)

Eda

This Agency appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND and IS for the subject project.

Over the last few months we have worked with the City to address the short and long term impacts to the Reclamation Ditch. We are satisfied that all our concerns have been addressed and mitigated. We have no additional comments on the MND and Monitoring Reporting Program.

In reference to the draft construction plans provided, additional detail and cross sections are needed to determine any impacts to our ability to maintain the Ditch. We look forward to reviewing the next iteration and continued coordination on this project.

I was not able to open the CLOMR document. Please send if possible and will send separate comments if necessary. If you have addtl Qs please contact me, thanks again

**Manuel L Quezada**  
**Senior Water Resources Engineer**



**Monterey County**  
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**From:** Eda Herrera [<mailto:eda@ci.salinass.ca.us>]

**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2014 2:47 PM

**To:** [hank@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:hank@tamcmonterey.org); Quezada, Manuel Ext.4874; [david.silberberger@dot.ca.gov](mailto:david.silberberger@dot.ca.gov)

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**Subject:** Sanborn Road/US HWY 101/Elvee Drive-Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Monitoring Reporting Program (MMRP)

To All,

The last day to submit comments and or letters of support for this project is April 21, 2014 through 5 pm. Please email to me. City Council public hearing for the approval of the MND and MMRP for the Sanborn Road/US 101/Elvee Improvement is scheduled for the May 6, 2014 Council meeting if you would like to attend and comment.

Thank you,

Eda

Eda Herrera, P.E. , Associate Engineer

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April 21, 2014

Eda Herrera, Associate Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
200 Lincoln Street (Second Floor)  
Salinas, CA 93905

Subject: Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 & Elvee Drive Improvements - Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Herrera:

Thank you for providing the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (Air District) the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced document. The Air District has reviewed the document and has the following comment:

- The Air District recommends the City consider including a bike lane with the Elvee Lane improvements. This could provide an alternate route for bikers that currently use Sanborn Road.

Please let me know if you have questions, I can be reached at (831) 647-9418 ext. 227 or [aclymo@mbuapcd.org](mailto:aclymo@mbuapcd.org).

Sincerely,

Amy Clymo  
Supervising Air Quality Planner

cc: David Craft, MBUAPCD Air Quality Engineer





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April 21, 2014

Eda Herrera  
Associate Engineer  
Department of Public Works  
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**SUBJECT: Comments to the City of Salinas Sanborn Road / US Highway 101 and Elvee Drive Improvements Project**

Dear Ms. Herrera:

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency and Congestion Management Agency for Monterey County. Transportation Agency staff has reviewed the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sanborn Road / US Highway 101 and Elvee Road Improvements.

The project involves construction of operational and circulation improvements at the Sanborn /US Highway 101 interchange and local roadway improvements at Elvee Road.

The Transportation Agency supports this important project that will provide much needed transportation improvements to the area. Transportation Agency staff appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project. The Agency offers the following comments for consideration by the City of Salinas:

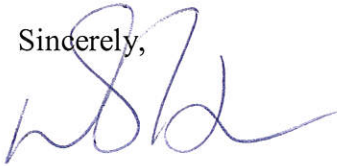
1. The Agency is supportive of the project objectives outlined in the Sanborn Road / US Highway 101 Ramps Intersections and Elvee Drive Improvements, Salinas Transportation Impact Analysis Memorandum dated March 7, 2014 to improve operational and safety improvements at this location. These improvements include improving existing traffic safety and operational deficiencies at the US highway 101 ramp terminal intersections with Sanborn Road; improving ramp junction and weaving operations at the US 101 northbound mainline between the fairview loop on-ramp and loop off-ramp to Sanborn Road; improving operational safety and turning efficiency for large commercial trucks that access businesses located on the segment of Sanborn Road segment between US 101 Interchange and Work Street and improving traffic safety conditions for other vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians;

implementing circulation and capacity improvements planned/envisioned as part of the general plan to facilitate planned growth; and removing existing circulation operations constraints and create capacity in the circulation system to facilitate critical new economic development. The Sanborn Interchange and Elvee Drive improvements will not only benefit Sanborn Road but will also benefit the adjacent highly developed industrial and commercial area that surrounds and utilizes the existing congested roadway system.

2. The Agency acknowledges the need to address the range of existing circulation network operational deficiencies that would be impacted from the buildout of the proposed Salinas-Ag Industrial Center project. Our Agency appreciates the efforts of the City of Salinas to rectify identified operational deficiencies so that the network operates at improved performance levels under current conditions and at future buildout of the Salinas Ag Industrial Center.
3. The Agency recognizes the regional importance of the US Highway 101 corridor through Salinas and the benefits of the proposed operational traffic and circulation improvements at the Sanborn Road/US Highway 101 interchange to the performance of that corridor. The US Highway 101 is a key corridor for the movement of freight and goods along the Central Coast. The Agency has supported several recent projects along US Highway 101 including the Airport Interchange Project, the Prunedale Improvement Project, and the San Juan Road Project. Our Agency supports the efforts of the City of Salinas to further improve operations on this key corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Sanborn Road / US Highway 101 and Elvee Drive Improvements Project. If you have any questions, please contact Hank Myers of my staff at (831) 775-0903.

Sincerely,



Debra L. Hale  
Executive Director



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IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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COMMENTS: The concerns presented in a letter emailed from the  
Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau (EHB)  
to Eda Herrera on July 15, 2013 have been satisfactorily  
addressed in the referenced MND. Therefore, EHB has  
no further comments to make at this time.

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April 21, 2014

Mr. Gary Petersen, Director of Public Works  
City of Salinas-Public Works Department  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901



Dear Mr. Petersen:

This is in response to your recent correspondence dated February 24, 2014, to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) regarding the Sanborn Road/Elvee Drive Improvements Project.

Caltrans continues to support your ongoing efforts to improve traffic operations in the Sanborn Road/Elvee Drive area. As mentioned in your letter and through recent staff briefings, I understand that you have encountered public resistance to completely closing the Sanborn Road and Elvee Drive intersection. I support your current approach of rescoping the project to deliver a majority of the improvements, yet still retain broader community support.

After reviewing the specific improvements outlined in your letter, I am satisfied that there will be positive impacts to the US 101 off-ramp at Sanborn Road. This in turn will help alleviate large off-ramp queues that can cause backups that interfere with through traffic on US 101. Local circulation should see substantial improvement as well.

In conclusion, Caltrans concurs with the revised project scope and overall approach as stated in your letter. Since the work proposed within the State right of way has been reduced due to the revised scope, it is appropriate to move forward with this project as an encroachment permit. Please contact Steve Senet, Encroachment Permit Engineer, at (805) 549-3206 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Gubbins", written over a horizontal line.

**TIMOTHY M. GUBBINS**  
District Director

Cc: Ray Corpuz, City Manager  
Chris Callihan, City Attorney





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Eda Herrera  
City of Salinas, Department of Public Works  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
Salinas, CA 93901

Subject: Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 Interchange and Elvee Drive Improvements  
SCH#: 2013071004

Dear Eda Herrera:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on April 21, 2014, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

**Document Details Report  
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

**SCH#** 2013071004  
**Project Title** Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 Interchange and Elvee Drive Improvements  
**Lead Agency** Salinas, City of

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**Type** **MND** Mitigated Negative Declaration

**Description** The proposed project is designed to improve operational traffic and circulation conditions at the Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 interchange. It consists of 11 components which range in scope from simple pavement restriping to construction of an approximately 890-foot extension of existing Elvee Drive that also requires construction of a 49-foot long span bridge over the Reclamation Ditch. Other improvements include signalization, construction of a U.S. Highway 101 ramp meter, modification of existing travel/turn lane configurations, reconstruction of approximately 1,400 feet of existing Elvee Drive, restriction of Elvee Drive access from Sanborn Road to right-in/right-out, as well as other minor roadway modifications. Improvements would occur largely within existing City or Caltrans rights-of-way.

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**Lead Agency Contact**

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**Phone** 831 758 7241 **Fax**  
**email**  
**Address** 200 Lincoln Avenue  
**City** Salinas **State** CA **Zip** 93901

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**Project Location**

**County** Monterey  
**City** Salinas  
**Region**  
**Lat / Long**  
**Cross Streets** Sanborn Road/U.S. Highway 101 Interchange  
**Parcel No.** Multiple  

<b>Township</b>	<b>Range</b>	<b>Section</b>	<b>Base</b>
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**Proximity to:**

**Highways** U.S. Highway 101  
**Airports** City of Salinas Municipal  
**Railways**  
**Waterways** Reclamation Ditch  
**Schools** Multiple  
**Land Use** Multiple

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**Project Issues** Archaeologic-Historic; Biological Resources; Drainage/Absorption; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Vegetation; Water Quality; Wetland/Riparian; Growth Inducing; Cumulative Effects

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**Reviewing Agencies** Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 4; Cal Fire; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Caltrans, Division of Aeronautics; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 5; Air Resources Board; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Native American Heritage Commission; State Lands Commission

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**Date Received** 03/21/2014 **Start of Review** 03/21/2014 **End of Review** 04/21/2014