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Subject: FEMA Floodplains at Pino Arroyo and Tramway Blvd.

In regard to the widening of Tramway Blvd at the Piño Arroyo: This project was developed and constructed in the late 1980's. Very little information exists documenting the decision making that led to the final project improvements. Specifically, no documentation is available that identifies how floodplain delineations impacted the decisions made for this project. Therefore, at this time, we, as a department, cannot identify why a LOMR was not submitted for this project at the time.

The department's standard criteria is to not adversely affect the floodplains on either side of the right-of-way (upstream or downstream). A significant number of our drainage infrastructure is to convey runoff from one side of the road to the other, maintaining historic floodpaths, and are sized to assure that the flood carrying capacity is maintained. As such, floodplains that cross the highways were not modified as the effects of the our construction would not alter the floodplain delineations that impact private property owners. Since the department is not required to carry flood insurance for roadways, the removal or alteration of floodplains within our right-of-way is not our primary mission. Most of these modifications would simply show the floodplain going into and out of a closed structure or pass through a bridge. We look to the local communities who participate in the NFIP to identify when and where a LOMR will be needed. The FEMA FIRRM maps have undergone several modifications over the years, and this area, to my knowledge, has not been identified by the community as a need for update.

Sorry I could not be of more assistance. Please let me know if you have any further questions.
Thanks,
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