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June 4, 2009

Jim DeMartini, Supervisor, District 5
 Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
 1010 10th St., Ste. 6500
 Modesto, CA 95354

**Re: Announcement of a Public Information Meeting for the North County Corridor—
 Stanislaus County Connector Project**

Dear Supervisor DeMartini:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the lead agency for the California Environmental Policy Act, in cooperation with the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority (NCCTEA), is preparing a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) program environmental impact report on the North County Corridor (Project) State Route 108 (SR-108) East Route Adoption. The Project is a high-priority corridor for Stanislaus County and its incorporated cities.

The primary intent of the Project is to provide a high-capacity, west-east roadway to accommodate anticipated traffic growth in northern Stanislaus County, to alleviate traffic on parallel roadways, to accommodate multi-modal travel, to provide interregional connectivity, and to provide for economic growth. To plan for the new route, the NCCTEA was formed. The NCCTEA consists of the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG); the cities of Oakdale, Riverbank, Modesto; and the County of Stanislaus. The ultimate facility type would be a freeway/expressway with interchanges, at-grade intersections, grade-separated major railroad crossings, irrigation district crossings, frontage roads, and street alignments.

We would like to invite you to attend a Public Information Meeting for the Project. Maps and other information about the Project will be available for viewing at the meeting. There will be representatives from Caltrans, StanCOG, Stanislaus County, and the Cities of Modesto, Oakdale, and Riverbank, along with other specialists in engineering, environmental studies, and right-of-way, to discuss your individual concerns and answer questions. The date, time, and location of the Public Information Meeting are listed below:

Date: Monday, June 15, 2009
 Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Location: Riverbank Community Center
 3600 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank, CA 95367

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The current Project phase will result in the selection of a preferred corridor and broad environmental clearance for the California Transportation Commission to approve the Route Adoption. The alignment would extend from SR-108/McHenry Avenue to a location on State Route 120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale, and will be approximately 18 miles long.

Two public scoping meetings were held on November 13, 2008, and November 20, 2008. The public meeting on June 15, 2009, is another opportunity for members of the public to be involved in the project and to provide comments or concerns.

A copy of the public notice for the information meeting that appeared in *The Modesto Bee* on May 28, 2009, and in *The Oakdale Leader* and *The Riverbank News* on May 27, 2009, is enclosed.

If you have any questions that the public notice does not answer, please contact Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch at (559) 243-8274, or Christina Hibbard, the Project Manager at (209) 948-7889.

Sincerely,



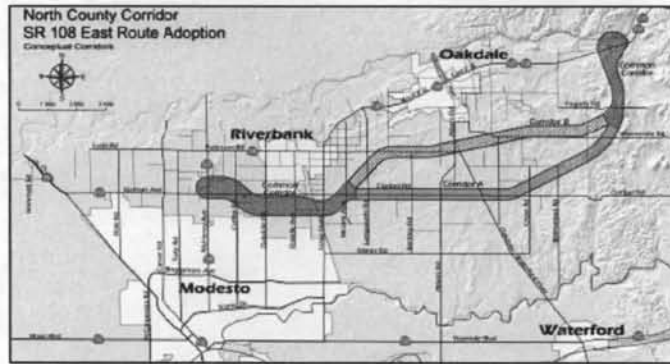
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Enclosure

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

North County Corridor State Route 108 East Route Adoption



WHEN AND WHERE?

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Place: Riverbank Community Center
 3600 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank, CA

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

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WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The Public Information Meeting on June 15, 2009 will be another of several opportunities to provide comments or concerns. Your comments will become part of the public record and will be considered in developing the environmental document.

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Maps, information about the project, and other displays will be available for viewing. Representatives from Caltrans and the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority, along with other specialists in engineering and environmental studies, will be present to discuss your individual concerns and answer questions. The meeting will be an open house format. You are invited to attend any time between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Come to the meeting. Talk with staff about the project. Give your input. If you wish to comment on the proposed project, you may make written comments at the meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project, please submit them in writing to Gail Miller, Caltrans, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 or by e-mail to Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT

For general information about the project, feel free to contact Christina Hibbard, Project Manager, Caltrans, at (209) 948-7889 or by e-mail at Christina_Hibbard@dot.ca.gov. For all other State Highway matters, please contact District 10 Public Affairs at (209) 948-7977.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternate formats, etc.) are asked to contact District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled public scoping meetings. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD at 1-800-735-2922.



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