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September 28, 2009

Mr. Jim DeMartini
Supervisor
Stanislaus County
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Re: Announcement of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearings for the North County Corridor—Stanislaus County Connector Project

Dear Mr. DeMartini:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the North County Corridor (NCC) Transportation Expressway Authority (Authority), proposes to adopt a wide corridor from which a future alignment will be chosen to build a new State Route 108 to replace the existing State Route 108. The route adoption is the first step in selecting a preferred corridor. Circulation of this Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) will result in broad environmental clearance enabling the California Transportation Commission to approve the route adoption and designate the facility as an interregional route. The DEIR is available for you to read and comment on, beginning September 22, 2009.

The project area lies entirely within unincorporated portions of Stanislaus County and would extend about 18 miles from a spot on State Route 108/McHenry Avenue west of the City of Riverbank in the vicinity of the intersection of State Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) to a spot on State Route 120/108 about six miles east of the City of Oakdale in northern Stanislaus County.

We would like to invite you to attend a Public Hearing for the Project. Maps and other information about the Project will be available for viewing in an Open House format at the meeting; and a brief presentation will be held, followed by a question-and-answer session, before the Public Hearing. 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 dates, locations, and times of the Public Hearings are listed below:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Gene Bianchi Community Center
110 South Second Avenue
Oakdale, CA 95361

Thursday, October 22, 2009
Riverbank Community Center
3600 Santa Fe Street
Riverbank, CA 95367

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The timing of the programs at both of the Public Hearings follows:

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open House/Map Display
6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Presentation
6:45 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Questions/Answers
7:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Public Hearing

Two public scoping meetings were held on November 13, 2008, and November 20, 2008; and a public meeting was held on June 15, 2009.

A copy of the public notice for the information meeting that appeared in *The Modesto Bee* on September 21, 2009, and will appear in *The Oakdale Leader* and *The Riverbank News* 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,



ROSS A. CHITTENDEN
District 10 Director

c: Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch
Christina Hibbard, Project Manager, Program and Project Management

Enclosure



PUBLIC NOTICE

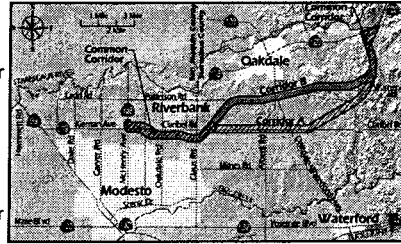
Draft Environmental Impact Report Available and Announcement of Public Hearings

North County Corridor State Route 108 East Route Adoption Project

WHEN AND WHERE? (2 DATES)

Oakdale
1
 Date: **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**
 Time: **5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
(Brief Presentation at 6:30 p.m.)
 Place: **Gene Bianchi Community Center**
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Riverbank
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WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

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WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and of its availability for you to read and comment on, beginning September 22, 2009.

The Public Hearings will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about the proposed corridors with the project development team before the final corridor alternative is selected. The Hearings will be an Open House format. You are invited to attend anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A presentation will be made at 6:30 p.m.

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE?

You can look at or obtain the Draft Environmental Impact Report at the Caltrans District 10 Office, 1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except for the first three Fridays of each month. Maps and other information are available. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Report are also available to review at the following locations:

- Stanislaus Council of Governments, 1111 I Street, Suite 308, Modesto 95354
- Salida Regional Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida 95368
- Stanislaus County Public Works, 1010 10th Street, Modesto 95354
- Modesto Public Works, 1010 10th Street, Modesto 95354
- Modesto Library, 1500 I Street, Modesto 95354
- Oakdale City Hall, 280 North 3rd Avenue, Oakdale 95361
- Oakdale Library, 151 First Avenue, Oakdale 95361
- Oakdale Public Works, 455 South 5th Avenue, Oakdale 95361
- Riverbank City Clerk, 6707 3rd Street, Riverbank 95367
- Riverbank Community Development Department, 6717 3rd Street, Riverbank 95367
- Riverbank Public Library, 3442 Santa Fe Street, Riverbank 95367

Or, visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/northcounty/htm>.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will become part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, you may submit your written comments at the Public Hearings or until 5:00 p.m., November 6, 2009, to Caltrans by regular mail, Attn: Gail Miller, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726; or via e-mail at gail_miller@dot.ca.gov. Also, a court reporter will be at the Public Hearings, if you wish to dictate your comments.

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 other transportation matters or for individuals who require special accommodations (documentation in alternate formats, etc.), please contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Affairs at (209) 948-7977. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or (711).

