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November 22, 2010

Jeff Grover, Supervisor, District 3
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 10th St., Ste. 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

**Re: Announcement of the Availability of the Draft Mitigated Negative
Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for State Route 99/219
(Kiernan Avenue) and Announcement of Public Hearing**

Dear Supervisor Grover:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with Stanislaus County, is proposing to reconstruct the State Route 99 (SR-99)/State Route 219 (SR-219) (Kiernan Avenue) interchange in the community of Salida. The project will help to reduce traffic congestion, improve traffic operations at the interchange and local intersections, and accommodate forecasted traffic growth.

The proposed project will:

- Widen SR-219 (Kiernan Avenue) between Salida Boulevard and Sisk Road.
- Replace the SR-219 (Kiernan Avenue) bridge over SR-99 with a wider bridge.
- Modify on- and off-ramps with SR-99.
- Add stormwater basins at required locations.
- Modify Sisk Road and Salida Boulevard to conform with the planned improvements.
- Add auxiliary lanes in each direction of SR-99 to Pelandale Avenue.

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read.

We would like to invite you to attend a Public Hearing for the project. You will have an opportunity to review the study results and environmental process displays and to provide comments before the preferred alternative is selected. Representatives from Caltrans and other specialists in engineering, environmental studies, right-of-way, relocation, and project management will be there to answer questions and to take public comments. Spanish/English-speaking staff and a translator will also be available.

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The date, time and location of the Public Hearing is as follows:

Monday, December 6, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Open House
6:30 p.m. Brief Presentation
Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library
4835 Sisk Rd.
Salida, CA 95368

A copy of the public notice that appeared in *The Modesto Bee* on Monday, November 22, 2010, for the Public Hearing 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, Project Manager at (209) 948-7889.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. HARMON
Interim District 10 Director

Enclosure



Route 99/219 (Kiernan Avenue) Interchange



Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with Stanislaus County, is proposing to reconstruct the Route 99/219 (Kiernan Avenue) interchange in the community of Salida. The project will help to reduce traffic congestion, improve traffic operations at interchange and local intersections, and accommodate forecasted traffic growth. The proposed project would construct the following:

- Widen Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) between Salida Boulevard and Sisk Road.
- Replace the Route 219 (Kiernan Avenue) bridge over Route 99 with a wider bridge.
- Modify on- and off-ramps with Route 99.
- Add stormwater basins at required locations.
- Modify Sisk Road and Salida Boulevard to conform with the planned improvements.
- Add auxiliary lanes in each direction of Route 99 to Pelandale Avenue.

Why This Public Notice?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read. A public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about

the proposed project with the project development team members and for you to provide comments before the preferred alternative is selected. You are invited to attend any time between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A brief presentation will be made at 6:30 p.m. Comment cards will be available, and a court reporter will be available to record your comments.

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying after November 29, 2010, 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. The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is also available to read after November 29, 2010, on the Caltrans Web site at www.dot.ca.gov/dist10, and at Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library, 4835 Sisk Road, Salida, and Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto.

Where You Come In

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative

Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than December 29, 2010, to Caltrans, 2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100, Fresno, CA, 93726, Attn: Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner. The date we will begin accepting comments is November 29, 2010. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



Special Accommodations

For individuals who require special accommodations, please contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or 711. *Se habla español.*



***Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative
Declaration Study Results Available and
Announcement of Public Hearing for the
State Route 99/219 (Kiernan Avenue) Interchange***

Monday, December 6, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Open House
6:30 p.m. Brief Presentation

Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library
4835 Sisk Road, Salida, CA 95368

If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed project, please submit them in writing to Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726; send e-mail to Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov; or call (559) 243-8274/(209) 948-3646.

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

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