

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

ITEM: 4a

SUBJECT:

Project Updates

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Information Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Determined

DISCUSSION:

Since the last JPA Board report in March, the team has received approval from Caltrans on all of the environmental technical studies. The Administrative Draft Environmental Document has been updated and is in the final review and quality control phase with Caltrans and is anticipated to be ready to release to the public in August.

The following is a summary of the ongoing tasks in support of this.

Environmental

The following environmental technical studies have been submitted and approved by Caltrans. The Historic Properties Survey Report has been approved by Caltrans and has been sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review and concurrence.

Technical Report/Study	Status
Natural Environment Study (Biological Studies)	Approved by Caltrans
Jurisdictional Delineation	Approved by Caltrans
Historic Properties Survey Report	Approved by Caltrans and sent to State Historic Preservation Office for review and concurrence.
Archaeological Survey Report	Approved by Caltrans
Historic Resources Evaluation Report	Approved by Caltrans
Paleontological Study	Approved by Caltrans
Water Quality Study	Approved by Caltrans
Air Quality Assessment	Approved by Caltrans

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Noise Study Report	Approved by Caltrans
Visual Impact Assessment	Approved by Caltrans
Hazardous Waste Assessment	Approved by Caltrans
Relocation Impact Report	Approved by Caltrans
Community Impact Assessment	Approved by Caltrans

Public Outreach

The NCC team is currently preparing for the public hearing which will take place approximately 30 days after the release of the draft environmental document to the public. It is anticipated that the public hearing will be held in September.

Engineering

As discussed in previous JPA meetings, Caltrans has implemented a new process to evaluate the best method to control each intersection. The Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) process involved analyzing each at-grade intersection and determining whether a stop sign, traffic signal or roundabout would be the most viable option for control.

The preliminary analysis showed that roundabouts were the most viable alternatives to control the NCC connections to 108/120 in Oakdale as well as the new access road intersections to the south of the 108/120 connections.

The final ICE analysis and discussion at the PDT meeting resulted in the addition of S. Stearns Road as a roundabout for Alternative 1B and Smith Road as a roundabout for alternative 2B. Caltrans and the PDT felt that the safety benefits of a roundabout at these locations warranted selecting it as the preferred intersection control.

The NCC team has submitted a Draft Project Report to Caltrans and will address comments prior to the release of the Draft Environmental Document in August.

Schedule

The following key milestones are anticipated for the project:

- August 2015 – Public Circulation of Draft Environmental Document
- September 2015 – Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Document
- April 2016 – Public Availability of Final Environmental Document
- October 2016 – Final Approval of Environmental Document

Financial Update

Original Contract Amount	\$2,999,576
Contract Amendments Amount	\$390,932
Total Contract	\$3,390,508
Invoiced and Paid as of October 2014	\$2,874,500
Remaining Contract	\$516,008

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