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North County Corridor JPA Board & Ex Officio Members

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SUBJECT:

Project Update - July 2017

This report is to update the NCC JPA Board on the release date for the Draft Environmental Document and public hearing for the North County Corridor project.

As reported to the NCC JPA Board in June, the team has been working through the final steps of the Caltrans review process and on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Draft Environmental Document was given the approval of Caltrans Headquarters and Legal for the District to complete their review and sign the Draft Environmental Document. The Draft Environmental Document is currently with the Caltrans District 10 Director, Dennis Agar. He has requested until July 17<sup>th</sup> to complete his review. Based upon this review, there is no need to conduct our scheduled NCC JPA Board meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

If the Caltrans District 10 Director signs the document on or around July 17<sup>th</sup>, the document would be released towards the end of July with a public hearing/open house occurring approximately 30 days after the release. Once we have signatures in place, we will schedule a NCC JPA Board meeting to formally announce the document release and public hearing date.

Below is a summary of the review process to date.

- June 2015 Technical Studies complete and approved by Caltrans District 6 and sent to Caltrans Headquarters for review. An Administrative Draft Environmental Document was submitted to Caltrans District 6 to begin the review process.
- November 2015 Technical Studies complete and approved by both Caltrans
  District 6 and Headquarters. Caltrans officially started their Quality
  Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) process for the Draft Environmental
  Document.

- December 24, 2015 Received comments from Caltrans QA/QC process.
- January 11, 2016 Team addressed QA/QC comments and resubmitted to Caltrans. Caltrans QA/QC process 2<sup>nd</sup> review started.
- January 29, 2016 Received 2<sup>nd</sup> round of QA/QC comments from Caltrans.
- February 2, 2016 -Team addressed 2<sup>nd</sup> round of QA/QC comments and resubmitted to Caltrans.
- February 8, 2016 Caltrans notified Team that QA/QC review process was complete and the document would move forward into the Caltrans Management review process.
- February 17, 2016 Received Caltrans Management Review comments.
- February 19, 2016 Team addressed Caltrans Management Review comments and resubmitted document to Caltrans.
- February 25, 2016 Caltrans Management Review complete and Caltrans
  District 6 sent the document to Caltrans Headquarters to begin their review.
- April 6, 2016 Team received Caltrans Headquarters comments.
- April July 2016 Team worked with Caltrans District to resolve Caltrans
   Headquarters and Legal issues with Purpose and Need Statement, Riverbank
   Ammunition Plant site and other comments.
- August 10, 2016 Team resubmitted Draft Environmental Document for Caltrans Headquarters and Legal review.
- September 22, 2016 Caltrans Legal comments received.
- October 2016 Team worked with Caltrans District staff to resolve Caltrans Legal issues with Chapters 1 and 2.
- November 3, 2016 Team resubmitted Draft Environmental Document to Headquarters and Legal for review.
- December 27, 2016 Team received Caltrans Headquarters comments.
- January 17, 2017 Team received Caltrans Legal comments.
- February 3, 2017 Team addressed Caltrans Headquarters and Legal comments and resubmitted to Caltrans District 6.

- March 2, 2017 Team addressed Caltrans District 6 comments and the document was sent to Caltrans Headquarters and Legal.
- March 16, 2017 Team received Caltrans Headquarters and Legal comments.
- April 17, 2017 Team addressed Caltrans Headquarters and Legal comments and resubmitted.
- May 12, 2017 Team received additional comments from Caltrans Headquarters and Legal.
- May 23, 2017 Team addressed Caltrans Headquarters and Legal comments and resubmitted.
- June 12, 2017 Caltrans Headquarters and Legal accepted the Draft Environmental Document and recommended forwarding to the District Director for signature.

The chronology above demonstrates the amount of review required to release a document of this magnitude and to ensure that the public is provided a complete and thorough environmental review.

The team is continuing their preparations for releasing the Draft Environmental Document to the public as soon as the Caltrans District Director has approved it and the public hearing/open house will be scheduled for approximately 30 days after the document's release.