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September 24, 2018

Ms. Lee Lundrigan
 County Clerk-Recorder
 Stanislaus County
 1021 I Street, Suite 101
 Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Ms. Lundrigan:

**Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment
 and Announcement of a Public Information Meeting for the
 State Route 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), working in cooperation with Stanislaus County, proposes to construct an access controlled facility within the western central portion of Stanislaus County, from Gates Road/Paradise Road to Dakota Avenue, post miles 4.5 to 11.7, located two miles west of the City of Modesto. This project would be an extension of the State Route (SR)132 West Project that is being designed on a new alignment in the City of Modesto. There are four alternatives under consideration on either the existing SR 132 alignment or on a new alignment, located north of SR 132.

This letter is to inform you that a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) has been filed with the State Clearinghouse on September 26, 2018. Caltrans is also holding a Public Information Meeting to give you an opportunity to learn about the project, discuss it with Caltrans and Stanislaus County staff, and to provide comments. The Public Information Meeting will be informal and you may arrive anytime on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 120 S. Emerald Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351. See attached Public Notice.

Caltrans will accept comments on the proposed project from September 26, 2018 to October 25, 2018. Comments collected during this period will be considered by the project team and used to refine alternatives studied in the draft EIR/EA. Please submit your comments in writing, no later than October 25, 2018; to Jennifer Lugo, Branch Chief, Central Sierra