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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) with Draft Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation

To Whom It May Concern,

In partnership with the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is pleased announce that the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) with Draft Individual Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Oakland Alameda Access Project (formerly known as the I-880/Broadway-Jackson Interchange Improvements Project) in Alameda County, California has been completed and will be released for public review and comment.

The Oakland Alameda Access Project would improve multimodal safety and reduce conflicts between regional and local traffic; enhance bicycle and pedestrian accessibility and connectivity within the project study area; and improve vehicular mobility and accessibility between I-880, SR-260, the City of Oakland's downtown neighborhoods, and the City of Alameda. It would also reduce freeway-bound regional traffic and congestion on local roadways and in area neighborhoods. Project elements include modification of the connection from the Posey and Webster tubes to I-880, modification of the existing westbound I-980/Jackson Street off-ramp, removal of northbound I-880/Broadway off-ramp, bicycle and pedestrian and "complete streets" improvements.

We welcome your comments on the Draft EIR/EA during the 60-day public comment period from **September 29, 2020** to **November 30, 2020**. An electronic copy of the Draft EIR/EA is available for review at:

- Project website: (OaklandAlamedaAccessProject.com)
- Caltrans District 4 website: (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-oaap/>)
- Alameda County Transportation Commission website: (<https://www.alamedactc.org/programs-projects/highway-improvement/oakland-alameda-access-project/>)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to maintain consistency with orders by Governor Gavin Newsom for Californians to remain home except to perform essential activities and to avoid public gatherings, Caltrans will not hold a traditional, in-person public meeting for this project. However, Caltrans invites you to join an online public hearing on **October 20, 2020** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (accessible at the project website: OaklandAlamedaAccessProject.com). Please submit your written comments to Lindsay Vivian, Office Chief, Office of Environmental Analysis, Caltrans District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, **MS-8B**, Oakland, CA 94612 or via email to Oakland.Alameda.Access@dot.ca.gov (**preferred** during COVID-19).

TTY users may request copies of the project information in alternate formats through the California Relay Service at either of the following, 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), 1 (800) 735-2929 (Voice) or 711.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (510) 506-4310 or Wahida Rashid, Senior Environmental Planner at (510) 504-3139 or wahida.rashid@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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