



If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The project is controversial due to the opposition of the residents in the area. The public residing in the area would prefer a bypass as an alternative to passing lanes. Improving this segment of SR 70 has been studied for several years, and numerous reports have been prepared. These studies include the State Routes 70 and 99 Corridor Study (1990), the State Routes 70 and 99 Major Investment Study (California Department of Transportation 1995), the Draft Marysville By-Pass Value Analysis Study (Value Management Strategies 2001), the Marysville By-pass to Oroville Freeway Project (California Department of Transportation 1993), and the State Route 70 Transportation Concept Report (California Department of Transportation 2014). Several alternatives have been considered through the course of these studies, including highway widening, highway realignment, and new freeway construction. While the various studies mentioned above considered various ways to improve SR 70 between Marysville and Oroville, the generally accepted vision was to construct a four-lane "Marysville By-Pass to Oroville Freeway" beginning at the SR 65/SR 70 split and extending to the southern limits of Oroville. This freeway was to provide regional connectivity between Sacramento, Marysville, Oroville, and Chico. Due to lack of funding and significant environmental impacts identified in the Draft Marysville By-Pass Value Analysis Study (Value Management Strategies 2001), the proposed by-pass and freeway were determined to be unviable and were not carried forward into the final stages of project development.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The California Department of Transportation, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG).