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To: Interested Parties**Subject:** Interstate 680 Express Lanes from State Route 84 to Alcosta Boulevard Project, Notice of Availability of Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Notice of Virtual Open House

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), has prepared a Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lanes Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

The project proposes to construct High Occupancy Vehicle/express lanes (HOV/express lanes) on northbound and southbound I-680 from State Route 84 (Vallecitos Road) in Alameda County to north of Alcosta Boulevard in Contra Costa County. The new HOV/express lanes would pass in or near Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin, and San Ramon. The project would close the 9-mile gap between the existing and in-progress HOV/express lanes to the north and south.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the IS/EA is available for review and to invite you to attend a virtual open house. An electronic copy of the environmental document can be found online at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs> and www.alamedactc.org/680gapclosure.

We will be accepting comments on the IS/EA until June 30, 2020, via postal mail to:

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Or via email to ALA680expresslanes@dot.ca.gov.

A virtual open house will be held for the protection of public health, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The event will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 6 PM. The open house will begin with a presentation providing an overview of the project and the environmental process, followed by a question and answer session where attendees can submit questions via online chat. For individuals who require language translation or help with other assistive materials, please contact Stephanie Sandoval at 510-558-8825 ext. 119.

TTY users may request copies of the document in an alternate format through the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech-to-Speech) or 711. If there are any questions, please contact me at 510-506-0372 or ALA680expresslanes@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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