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SCH #: 2020070281

Project Title: Nev-49 Corridor Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Caltrans

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Project Location: Grass Valley, Nevada County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve safety, operations, and mobility on SR 49 in Nevada County from post mile 10.8 to R13.3 through the addition of northbound and southbound truck climbing lanes outside an urbanized area, 14 ’ -22 ’ median with barrier, 8 ’ -10 ’ shoulders, right turn lanes, and two at-grade access-controlled intersections. This project will be built in three phases of construction based on funding availability. This project will improve safety, operations, and mobility of vehicular traffic, pedestrians, and cyclists on SR 49 by: 1) Constructing northbound and southbound truck climbing lanes / segments of auxiliary lanes to improve operations, 2) Reducing the severity and frequency of collisions at public road intersections and roadways, 3) Reducing cross-centerline collisions, 4) Improving the roadway to meet current design standards and improve vertical curve sight distance, 5) Providing a 12 ’ x 12 ’ animal crossing that would assist in avoiding collisions between vehicles and animals, 6) Implementing identified improvements in the Nevada County Active Transportation Plan, which identifies SR 49 as needing Class III bicycle facilities and providing adequate shoulders for disabled vehicles and California Highway Patrol enforcement activities.

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Cultural Resources: Less Than Significant with Mitigation
Mitigation: ESA Fencing
Significance after Mitigation: No Impact

Noise: Less Than Significant with Mitigation
Mitigation: Noise Barrier
Significance after Mitigation: Less Than Significant

Population and Housing: Less Than Significant with Mitigation
Mitigation: Relocation Assistance/Uniform Act
Significance after Mitigation: Less Than Significant

Traffic and Transportation: Less Than Significant with Mitigation
Mitigation: Multi-Modal Policy Initiatives
Significance after Mitigation: Less Than Significant

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

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

Responsible Agencies:
California Transportation Commission
Nevada County Transportation Commission
Trustee Agencies:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Water Resources Board
State Historic Preservation Officer