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**Stockton Diamond Grade Separation**  
**SCH#2020080321**

Kevin L. Sheridan  
San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
949 E. Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mr. Sheridan:

The California Department of Transportation appreciates the opportunity to review the Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project. The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission ( SJRRC) proposes to replace an at-grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway rail lines with a railroad grade separation. The existing crossing is in Stockton, south of E. Scotts Ave and east of Aurora Street. The proposed grade separation will be to the east of the existing crossing. This will result in an eastward shift of the point where the rails pass under SR 4. The Department has the following comments:

- Caltrans encourages the construction of complete streets features along the streets being modified in the project area. Enhancements to lighting along the sidewalks and improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities will help improve mobility and safety in the area. The installation of modern railroad safety equipment may help reduce vehicle and pedestrian accidents as well.
- Caltrans encourages the availability of pedestrian and bike options along the corridor and surrounding area during and after construction activities if possible.
- An Encroachment Permit will be required for work (if any) done within the Department's right of way or air space. Any transportation of special oversized equipment on the state highway will require a permit as well. This work is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. Ground disturbing activities to the site prior to completion and/or approval of required environmental documents may affect the Department's ability to issue a permit for the project. Furthermore, if engineering plans or drawings will be part of your permit application, they should be prepared in standard units. For further information on these requirements please contact the D 10 Encroachment Permit Office.

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Caltrans looks forward to working with the SJRRC cooperatively on this project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss our comments in more detail, please contact Nicholas Fung at (209) 948-7190 or myself at (209) 941-1921.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Dumas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

TOM DUMAS, CHIEF  
OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING