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State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear State Clearinghouse:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared a Draft Initial Study with a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and an Environmental Assessment with a proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (IS/EA) for the proposed South Avenue Safety Project, which is located on State Route 99 at the intersection with South Avenue in Tehama County. Caltrans proposes to reconfigure the existing intersection of State Route 99 and South Avenue in Tehama County by replacing the existing minor leg stop-controlled only intersection with a roundabout; the limits of work on State Route 99 are from post mile 4.2 to 4.8. Other proposed improvements include extension of the box culvert that conveys Hoag Slough under State Route 99, installation of a new 45-foot-tall steel truss tower and relocating the existing closed-circuit television from the existing pole to the new tower, and installation of new flashing beacons, road signs, electroliers, storm drains, and biofiltration strips/bioswales. The project would also require the acquisition of new right of way. The purpose of the project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions. The project is needed because between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2017, there were a total of 17 collisions: 11 involved injuries, and 6 were property damage only.

In support of the draft submittal package for the project, the following documents were uploaded to the State Clearinghouse's CEQA Database on February 23, 2022:

- Draft IS/EA
- Notice of Intent/Notice of Availability
- Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal
- Notice of Completion
- A copy of this transmittal

The Draft IS/EA will be circulated for public review for a 30-day period from February 23 to March 25, 2022.

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If you have further questions or need additional information, please contact me at Darrin.Doyle@dot.ca.gov or at (530) 759-3409.

Sincerely,



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