

## California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

May 24, 2022

**Subject:** – Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the Sutter-SR99-Lomo Crossing Safety Improvement Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared this Initial Study (IS) with proposed Negative Declaration (ND), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Sutter County on State Route 99 in Yuba City/Live Oak, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document tells you why the project is being proposed, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of the project, and proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures.

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located on State Route (SR) 99 in Sutter County, between post miles PM R34.8/36.6. The total length of the project is approximately 1.8 miles long.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as part of the State Highway Operation and Protection Program and in part as a response to an emergency safety Director's Order executed in 2021 due to an accident rate of more than four times the statewide average, proposes to permanently eliminate cross traffic access to State Route 99 at Encinal Road and Live Oak Boulevard in Sutter County at Lomo Crossing from south of Encinal Road/Live Oak Boulevard to north of Kent Avenue (PM R34.8/36.6); improve access at the Eager Road (PM R33.8/R34.0) interchange; and improve acceleration features in proximity to the railroad crossing at Lomo for both the approach and departure directions of travel for vehicles required by law to stop at the railroad crossing.

**Environmental Effects:** The proposed project would have no effect on Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forest Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The proposed project would have less than significant effects to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emission, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire.

**Availability of Document:** Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a Draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on May 23, 2022, and ending July 7, 2022.

The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink: <https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/district-3/documents/environmental/03-0j910-lomo-is-ce-draft-final-signed.pdf>

**Comments:** Caltrans will be accepting written comments on the Draft IS ND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2022 and can be submitted by mail to: **California Department of Transportation Environmental, M-2 Branch 703 B Street, Marysville, CA, 95901** Attn: Lomo Crossing Safety Project

## **Public Meeting**

June 7,2022; 6p.m. – 7:30 p.m - Lomo Cold Storage 6005 Highway 99. Live Oak, CA 95953

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

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