

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

June 10, 2022

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-3H610 Monte Vista Rehabilitation Project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an 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 Placer County on Interstate 80 (I-80). Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: The proposed project is located on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Placer County between post miles 42.70 and 49.30.

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve the safety, reliability, and freight mobility of this mountain segment of Interstate 80 (I-80) in Placer County, from post mile 42.7 to 49.3. Proposed improvements will reduce traffic delays and improve mobility along this corridor by adding a truck climbing lane to reduce traffic delays and improve overall traffic operations. This proposed project will preserve and extend the useful life of the existing pavement in the eastbound (EB) direction, by cold planing, which removes the surface of the existing pavement and overlaying onto the existing pavement. This project will also address drainage systems that are nearing the end of their service life by installing, extending, or replacing culverts, address inadequate roadside lighting, upgrade non-standard median barrier, improve the Traffic Management System (TMS) in the EB direction, and address wildlife crossing conflicts.

Environmental Effects: The proposed project would have Less Than Significant Impacts to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems, Hydrology and Water, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas, and Biology.

Availability of Document: Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on June 15, 2022 and ending on July 14, 2022. The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs>

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 14, 2022 and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation Environmental Management, M-3 Branch, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 Attn: Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation

Submit comments via email to: Monte.Vista@dot.ca.gov