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Sutter Street Extension
Initial Study (IS)
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Mr. Mortazavi,

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the Sutter Street Extension Initial Study (IS). The Project, as proposed, would extend Sutter Street from its current terminus at Argonaut Drive to Hoffman Street, slightly realigning a portion of Argonaut Drive. It would improve portions of Sutter Street, construct a new roundabout connection at the new intersection of Sutter Street and Hoffman Street and relocate an existing water main.

The Project's location is citywide, from Sutter Street, Argonaut Drive, Hoffman Street, and undeveloped land within the City of Jackson.

Caltrans at this time has the following comments:

Environmental

If any construction-related activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office. All the appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation and supporting technical studies must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts on any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). There are mature trees within and/or near Caltrans ROW that could provide suitable nesting habitat. If work occurs between February 1 and September 30 of any year, a pre-construction bird survey must be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of any construction-related activities in Caltrans ROW. A protective buffer must be established around the nest if an active nest is observed per the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) guidelines. No work is allowed within the protective buffer limits until the young have fledged and until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office.

Hydrology

The proposed site development is adjacent to the state route. The proposed drainage system would maintain existing flow patterns to the extent possible. The undeveloped land would require a new drainage system, while the existing roadways would require adjustments to the existing drainage systems.

The developer needs to ensure that the existing State drainage facilities will not be significantly impacted by the project. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site flowed into the State ROW, it may continue to do so with the conditions that peak flows may not be increased from the pre-construction quantity and the site runoff be treated to meet present storm water quality standards. If historical undeveloped topography shows drainage from this site did not flow into the State ROW, then it will not be allowed to flow into the State ROW at this time.

Please provide the pre- and post-construction runoff calculations and drainage plans to understand flow patterns. An additional review will be done once drainage plans and calculations are submitted.

Traffic Operations

Please forward the traffic control plan for review prior to construction.

If there are any future developments in the area, please forward those documents for review and comment.

Outdoor Advertising

It is important to note that any advertising structure visible to the National Highway System (NHS) is subject to the provisions of the California Outdoor Advertising Act outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq. Any advertising structure that displays off-premise commercial copy visible from the NHS will require a permit from the Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA). Any advertising structure that only advertises goods and services available on-premise will not require a permit from ODA, provided it adheres to the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 5272 and 5274 and California Code of Regulations 2243 and 2246. Each of the proposed advertising structures should refrain from operating in any of the conditions outlined in Business and Professions Code Section 5403. For questions related to the ODA permit application process please visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/oda/>.

Caltrans suggest Amador County continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring

that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any question or would like to discuss these comments, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 (email: paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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