

## California Department of Transportation

April 12, 2024

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-0J430 Butte 70 CAPM 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 Butte County on State Route 70. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Location:** The proposed project is in Butte County on State Route 70 from Post Miles 34.1/46.0 and 47.0/48.076.

**Project Description:** The project will preserve and extend the service life of the roadbed while improving safety, pavement reliability, and rideability through the project limits of State Route 70. The project will also preserve and improve the functionality of drainage culverts systems to better preserve the roadbed and prevent flooding. Finally, the project will also bring lighting, guardrail and signs up to current standards.

**Environmental Effects:** The project would have Less than Significant Impacts to Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards And Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation, and Noise.

**Availability of Document:** Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on April 15, 2024 and ending on May 15, 2024.

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/d3-butte-county>

**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 May 15, 2024 and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation Environmental Management, M-3 Branch, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 Attn: Butte 70 CAPM

Submit comments via email to: [Butte.70.CAPM@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Butte.70.CAPM@dot.ca.gov)