

## California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

December 22, 2023

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-0J480 South Tahoe 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 El Dorado County on U.S ). Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Project Location:** The proposed project is located on U.S. Highway 50 in South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County between post miles 77.30 and 80.44.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a preventative maintenance project by cold planing the existing pavement. Cold planing is a process to remove the surface of the existing pavement to increase performance and service life of the roadway. The proposed project would also rehabilitate drainage systems in fair and poor condition by replacing and relining culverts; adding Transportation Management System (TMS) elements by adding a closed circuit Television (CCTV), a Variable message Sign (VMS) and census station; and replace one roadside sign and modifying an existing signal light by installing a new foundation and signal and controller cabinet. This project would include ADA enhancements for curb ramps and sidewalks by adjusting slopes, ramp lengths, adjusting drainage at the ramps, relocating push buttons; extending existing Fiber Optics from Pioneer Trail to Stateline which allows the traffic systems to have better and reliable connections to the Traffic Management Center (TMC).

**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 and Greenhouse Gas.

**Availability of Document:** Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a draft IS MND is being made available for a public review period commencing on January 12, 2024 and ending on February 11, 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>

**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 February 11, 2024 and can be submitted by mail to:**

California Department of Transportation Environmental Management, M-3 Branch, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 Attn: South Tahoe CAPM project.

Submit comments via email to: [South.Tahoe.CapM@dot.ca.gov](mailto:South.Tahoe.CapM@dot.ca.gov)