

State Route 108 Improvement Project

May 31, 2001

PROJECT PURPOSE The purpose of the project is to improve safety and traffic operations and to relieve traffic congestion. In addition, the project would accommodate existing and future commuter, industrial, and recreational traffic along State Route 108 through the cities of Modesto, Riverbank and Oakdale.

BACKGROUND

State Route 108 is an important farm to market route within the San Joaquin Valley. The route is heavily used by ranchers and by forestry vehicles in the foothills and mountain areas, and by recreational traffic traveling between the San Joaquin Valley and Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks. The route also serves as a bicycle route by local cyclists and as a popular touring route for cyclists traveling through the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. Currently, the combined traffic from local use and through traffic has resulted in traffic congestion, traffic accidents, and poor traffic operations along the route. It is viewed by local planning agencies that economic growth and quality of life for businesses and residents located along the route would be greatly improved by construction of the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

There are two alternatives proposed for this project. The first alternative would widen State Route 108 from a two-lane highway to a five-lane highway beginning at State Route 219 in the City of Modesto. The route would follow the existing roadway to Langworth Road located just west of the City of Oakdale. At Langworth, the proposed route would leave the existing route onto a new alignment that would veer south and east, connecting back with existing State Route 108/120 east of the City of Oakdale. alternative would also begin at State Route 219, with the same configuration as the first alternative, and would follow Claribel Road to the east. The route would veer onto new alignment and connect with State Route 108/120 east of the City of Oakdale.

PROJECT TIMELINE January 2000: Begin Scoping and Alternatives Selection.

August 2001: Begin Environmental Studies July 2004: Begin Right of Way Acquisition

April 2007 Begin Construction (pending funding commitment) December 2010: Project Complete (pending funding commitment)

QUESTIONS?

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PROJECT MAP

