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September 21, 2018

The Honorable Jim DeMartini Board of Supervisors, District 5 Stanislaus County 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6500 Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Supervisor DeMartini:

#### Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and Announcement of a Public Information Meeting for the State Route 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), working in cooperation with Stanislaus County, proposes to construct an access controlled facility within the western central portion of Stanislaus County, from Gates Road/Paradise Road to Dakota Avenue, post miles 4.5 to 11.7, located two miles west of the City of Modesto. This project would be an extension of the State Route (SR)132 West Project that is being designed on a new alignment in the City of Modesto. There are four alternatives under consideration on either the existing SR 132 alignment or on a new alignment, located north of SR 132.

This letter is to inform you that a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) has been filed with the State Clearinghouse on September 26, 2018. Caltrans is also holding a Public Information Meeting to give you an opportunity to learn about the project, discuss it with Caltrans and Stanislaus County staff, and to provide comments. The Public Information Meeting will be informal and you may arrive anytime on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 120 S. Emerald Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351. See attached Public Notice.

Caltrans will accept comments on the proposed project from September 26, 2018 to October 25, 2018. Comments collected during this period will be considered by the project team and used to refine alternatives studied in the draft EIR/EA. Please submit your comments in writing, no later than October 25, 2018, to Jennifer Lugo, Branch Chief, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721, or by email to jennifer.lugo@dot.ca.gov.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jes Padda, Caltrans Project Manager, at (209) 948-7765 or by email to jes.padda@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

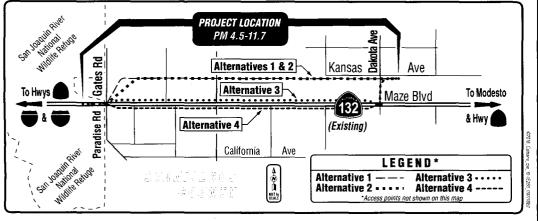
District 10 Director

**Enclosure:** Public Notice

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## **Announcement of Public Information Meeting**

## State Route 132 Dakota Avenue to Gates Road Project



#### WHEN AND WHERE

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

#### Place: Franklin Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 120 S. Emerald Avenue Modesto, CA 95351

#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), working in cooperation with Stanislaus County, proposes to construct an access controlled facility (expressway) within the western central portion of Stanislaus County, from Gates Road/Paradise Road to Dakota Avenue, post miles 4.5 to 11.7, located two miles west of the City of Modesto. This project would be an extension of the State Route 132. West project that is being designed on a new alignment in the City of Modesto in Stanislaus County. There are four alternatives under consideration on either the existing State Route 132 alignment or on a new alignment located north of State Route 132.

#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

This public notice serves as an announcement that Caltrans is holding an open forum public information meeting to:

- · Provide a project update and an overview of alternatives under study.
- Clarify processes used to develop key technical studies.
- Provide a forum where you can learn more information about the project and express your verbal and written comments/concerns to Caltrans staff about the project and its relationship to your local community.
- · Provide you the opportunity to meet the project team.

Staff will be available to answer specific questions about the project. A court reporter and a Spanish language interpreter will be in attendance. No formal presentation will be given, and you are welcome to attend any time between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. You may access information about the project at the following website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/d10/projects.html

#### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

The meeting will be held in an open forum format. Comment cards will be available for you to submit written comments. A court reporter will also be available to record individual comments. If you are not able to attend the meeting, the period Caltrans will accept comments on the proposed project is between September 26, 2018 and October 25, 2018. Please submit your comments in writing no later than **October 25, 2018** to Jennifer Lugo, Branch Chief, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, 855 M Street, Suite 200 Fresno, CA 93721, or by email to jennifer.lugo@dot.ca.gov. After considering all comments received, Caltrans will move forward with the project's environmental analysis phase.

#### CONTACT

For more information, please contact the Project Manager, Jes Padda at (209) 948-7765 or by email to jes.padda@dot.ca.gov. For all other State Highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Information Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov, or phone (209) 948-7977.

#### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Information Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov, or phone (209) 948-7977. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD and/or Voice Line at (800) 735-2929 or 711.

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