

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

ITEM: 3a

SUBJECT:

Project Updates

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Discussion Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not determined

DISCUSSION:

Jacob's staff provides the following updates:

Public Outreach Update –

- A Community Focus Group meeting was held on November 9, 2011.
- A presentation of the project is scheduled for November 16, 2011 to the Oakdale Rotary Club.
- Presentations are also scheduled for November 17, 2011 to the Stanislaus Union School District Board and the Oakdale Realtor Association.
- A special community meeting with the new property owners that now require Permits to Enter is scheduled for November 21, 2011. (Please see the Environmental Update section below).
- The Environmental Study Limits (ESL) maps are now available on the Caltrans Project website: www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/ncc99to120/index.html

Traffic Update –

The Draft Traffic Forecast Report has been reviewed by the JPA member agencies and submitted to Caltrans. Once this report has been approved, the Traffic Operations Report will commence for the proposed preliminary alignments.

Environmental Update –

The draft initial chapters of the environmental document have been approved by Caltrans. The Environmental Study Limits (ESL) maps have been approved by Caltrans for the alternatives. Environmental studies that are in progress include biology (habitat assessment, wetland mapping), cultural resources, hazardous materials, community impact and visual studies. Fieldwork for these environmental analyses will continue over the next several months. The remaining studies for noise and air quality are dependent upon traffic data and will commence upon the approval of the Forecast and Operations reports.

A meeting was held on October 19, 2011 with the regulatory agencies associated with the Section 6002 process. In attendance were representatives from; the JPA member agencies, Caltrans, Modesto Irrigation District, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. At the meeting, the attendees were given an update on the project status, the

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methods for analysis, habitat mapping conducted, and remaining data gaps related to access issues.

Through comments received from the JPA member agencies on the alternative layouts, new property owners requiring Permits to Enter (PTE) to conduct environmental studies have been introduced. Of the 33 new properties, 24 properties were not noticed in the prior public outreach process. Therefore, a special meeting has been scheduled on November 21, 2011 at Riverbank City Hall to answer questions about the project. To date, 9 of the 33 new properties have signed the PTE forms.

Design Update –

The geometric layout, profile and access points to the proposed project alternative alignments will be submitted to Caltrans later this month. Work continues on the preparation of the Project Report that will document the project costs estimates for design, utilities, right of way, construction and inspection. This will assist in the future programming of funding and project phasing. The additional topographic mapping for the alignment in the vicinity of Lexington Avenue is nearing completion.

Financial Update –

Shown below is a table that summarizes the contract amount*, expenditures and funding.

Original Contract Amount	\$5,800,000
Amended Contract Amount	\$3,047,838
Subtotal	\$8,847,383
Expenditures Invoiced and Paid as of August 2011	\$5,207,130 (Remaining \$3,640,253)
FUNDING	
State Transportation Improvement Funds	\$6,200,000
Public facilities Fee	\$4,900,000
Total	\$11,100,000

* Does not include the amendment that is pending Board action