

**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:

Environmental Update

Technical studies continue for the project west of McHenry. The environmental studies east of McHenry are on hold until the current project re-scoping is completed.

Technical studies were conducted for the project, including but not limited to, biology, archaeological and historical resources, paleontology, hazardous materials, noise, air quality, and community impacts. These studies are in various stages of completion. Some of the technical studies were submitted to Caltrans for review early in 2012, while others are still underway pending traffic systems operations data. Technical studies are being revised to reflect revisions to the project alternatives and limits of work. Fieldwork to support the findings of the biology technical study will continue into 2013 and 2014 in limited portions of the project area containing potential habitat for species protected under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts.

Project environmental staff continue to work with the project's partner agencies (known as the 6002 agencies). NCCTEA, Caltrans and the consultant team met with agencies on August 15, 2012 to brief them on the project status, alternative screening process and the proposed revision of the project limits. 6002 agency representatives were supportive of the project team's efforts to screen alternatives with potentially significant impacts to growth inducement and sensitive natural resources. 6002 agencies also supported the proposed revision of the western termini of the project.

Design Update

Geometric review comments received from Caltrans on the Preliminary Geometric

Caltrans is the CEQA and NEPA lead agency for the North County Corridor State Route 99 to State Route 120 Project. Public comments collected at this meeting are not part of the CEQA or NEPA public review process and will not be made a part of the official public record.

Plans have been addressed and the updated plans have been submitted for Caltrans 2nd review.

Work on the right-of-way cost estimates and the Preliminary Structures Plans was started, but is currently on hold pending resolution of the project re-scoping.

Work has started on the preparation of the Draft Project Report. This report will provide cost estimates for all proposed Project Alternatives for use in future funds programming.

All design work noted above is currently on hold pending resolution of the project re-scoping.

Traffic Update

Traffic forecasts were prepared for the Hybrid Alternative and they have been reviewed and approved by the local agencies and Caltrans. Traffic analysis of the Hybrid Alternative was also started. At this time the traffic analysis is on-hold until the project is re-scoped. Once the project is re-scoped the traffic analysis will resume.

Public Outreach Update

- Prepared and sent notice to CFG members for upcoming meeting
- Participated in June 13, 2012, CFG meeting. Prepared report.
- Researched contact information, made approximately 275 PTE calls as follow-up to PTE letters and prepared reports.
- Researched Stearns Road database and noticing issues.
- Updated Team Communications Plan.
- Prepared log of media articles for Matt Machado, NCC TEA Authority Manager, since August 1, 2010, in which NCC was mentioned.
- Documented noticing activities since August 1, 2010, for NCC TEA Authority Manager.

Financial Update

<b>Original Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$5,800,000</b>
<b>Amended Contract Amount</b>	<b>\$3,599,222</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,399,222</b>
<b>Expenditures Invoiced and Paid as of June 2012</b>	<b>\$6,972,015.18** (Remaining \$2,427,206.82)</b>

**\*\* Amount includes April Invoice \$139,574.74 but has not been paid**

**\* Amount pending for invoicing \$461,220 (\$56,238 Jacobs, \$404,981 ICF)**