

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

ITEM: 4b

SUBJECT:

Project Update –May 2016

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Information Only

FISCAL IMPACT:

Not Determined

DISCUSSION:

This report is to update the JPA Board on the release date for the Draft Environmental Document and public hearing for the North County Corridor project.

The draft environmental document and associated technical studies have all been completed and are still in the Caltrans review process. In the April update to the JPA Board, a summary of the items delaying the Caltrans review process was presented and discussed. Since the last meeting, the team has been working with Caltrans District offices to resolve the differences with Caltrans Headquarters and many of the differences that were presented in the April meeting have now been resolved.

The following are the outstanding items that need to be resolved before resubmitting the Draft Environmental Document to Caltrans Headquarters and Legal:

- Purpose and Need Statement - Caltrans District 10 is still working to resolve the request of Headquarters and Legal staff to make minor grammatical and style changes to the Purpose and Need Statement. The Purpose and Need Statement has been jointly developed and refined with Caltrans over the past 5 years and even minor changes will require changing all technical documents and re-routing all documents to the appropriate agencies for signatures again.
- Riverbank Ammunitions Plant – Caltrans Headquarters is requiring documentation of the recent remediation work at the former Riverbank Ammunitions Plant. Consultant staff is working with the Army Corp of Engineers to obtain this documentation.

Once these items are resolved, the team can resubmit the Draft Environmental Document to Caltrans for review. An updated schedule will be provided once the document is resubmitted.

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.