

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR  
EXPRESSWAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM: 4a**

**SUBJECT:**

North County Corridor June 15<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Information Item

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**DISCUSSION:**

The third public meeting for the North County Corridor will be held on June 15, 2009 at the Riverbank Community Center at 6:30 pm. The meeting will focus on the North County Corridor East Project from SR 108 (McHenry Ave) to SR 120 East of Oakdale. This is a Caltrans public meeting for the purposes of CEQA lead responsibilities.

Although the meeting will focus on the project to the east, all public participation is welcome.



## *You Are Invited to a Public Information Meeting*

**Monday, June 15, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Riverbank Community Center  
3600 Santa Fe Street  
Riverbank, California**

North County Corridor  
Public Information Coordinator  
P.O. Box 773  
Stockton, CA 95201-0773

Maps and other information about the projects will be available for viewing. Specialists in engineering, environmental studies, and right-of-way will be at the meeting to discuss your concerns and answer questions. The meeting will be an open house format. Comment cards will be available. Your written comments will become part of the public record and will be considered in developing the environmental documents.

If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns about the proposed project, please submit them in writing to Gail Miller, Caltrans, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 or by e-mail to [Gail\\_Miller@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov). Visit our Web site at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist10](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10). Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) must contact the Caltrans District Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD at 1-800-735-2922.



## The Project

The North County Corridor (NCC) State Route 108 East Route Adoption is a high-priority corridor for Stanislaus County and its incorporated cities. The primary intent of the project is to provide a high-capacity, west-east roadway to accommodate anticipated traffic growth in northern Stanislaus County, to alleviate traffic on parallel roadways, to accommodate multi-modal travel, to provide interregional connectivity, and to provide for economic growth. To plan for the new route, the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority (Authority) was formed. The Authority consists of Caltrans, Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG); the cities of Oakdale, Riverbank, Modesto; and the County of Stanislaus. The ultimate facility type would be a freeway/expressway with interchanges, at-grade intersections, grade-separated major railroad crossings, irrigation district crossings, frontage roads and street alignments.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in cooperation with the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority, is preparing a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) program environmental impact report. Two public scoping meetings were held on November 13, 2008, and November 20, 2008. The public information meeting on June 15, 2009, is another opportunity for members of the public to be involved in the project and to provide comments or concerns.

The current project phase will result in the selection of a preferred corridor, and broad environmental clearance for the California Transportation Commission to approve the Route Adoption. The alignment would extend from State Route 108/McHenry Avenue to a location on State Route 120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale, and will be approximately 18 miles long.

This study area was defined by a previous Feasibility Study and also by a Preliminary Design Report. The alignment may be an entirely new roadway or may be incorporated into the existing local road network.

## Project Funding

The Authority is using regional transportation impact fees for this phase of the project and is also asking for state funding that was originally allocated to the Oakdale Bypass project.

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## El proyecto

La Adopción de una Vía Este para la Ruta Estatal 108 del Corredor del Norte del Condado (NCC, por sus siglas en inglés) es una arteria de transporte de gran prioridad para el Condado de Stanislaus y sus ciudades incorporadas. La base del proyecto es proporcionar una ruta Oeste a Este de alta capacidad que pueda sustentar el futuro aumento de tránsito en el norte del Condado Stanislaus, descongestionar el tráfico de las arterias paralelas, permitir el tránsito de variados medios de transporte, comunicar la región y fomentar el crecimiento económico. Para planear esta nueva ruta se constituyó la Jurisdicción del Corredor de Transporte Rápido del Norte del Condado. La Jurisdicción consiste en Caltrans, el Consejo de Gobiernos de Stanislaus (StanCOG); los ayuntamientos de Oakdale, Riverbank y Modesto, y el Condado de Stanislaus. El resultado ideal a lograr sería una autopista expresa con rampas de acceso, intersecciones a nivel, cruces ferroviarios a desnivel, cruces de canales de irrigación, caminos paralelos y realineación de calles.

El Departamento de Transporte de California (Caltrans) en su calidad de líder en el Acta de Calidad Medioambiental de California (CEQA, por sus siglas en inglés) en colaboración con la Jurisdicción del Corredor de Transporte Rápido del Norte del Condado está preparando el informe de impacto medioambiental del programa del Acta de Calidad del Medioambiente de California (CEQA). Se celebraron dos reuniones públicas de exploración el 13 y el 20 de noviembre del 2008. La reunión de información al público del 15 de junio del 2009 será otra de varias oportunidades para hacer comentarios o manifestar preocupaciones.

La fase que se lleva a cabo en estos momentos concluirá en una ruta de preferencia y una amplia aprobación al respecto del medio ambiente, la que permita a la Comisión de Transporte de California adoptar dicha ruta. Esta vía se extenderá desde la Ruta Estatal 108. McHenry Avenue, a un punto en la Ruta Estatal 120, a unas seis millas al este de la ciudad de Oakdale, recorriendo aproximadamente 18 millas. Esta área de exploración fue establecida en un Estudio de Viabilidad previo como también en un Informe Preliminar de Diseño. La vía puede ser una carretera totalmente nueva o puede ser incorporada a la red de caminos locales existente.

## Financiamiento del Proyecto

La Jurisdicción está utilizando fondos generados por tarifas al impacto al transporte regional y está también solicitando fondos estatales que fueron originalmente parte del proyecto Oakdale Bypass.