



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment Available for Interstate 5 North Stockton Improvement Project and Announcement of Public Hearing

### WHEN AND WHERE

Stockton

**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Brief Presentation

**Place:** Don Riggio Elementary School  
Multi-Use Room  
3110 Brookside Road  
Stockton, CA 95219

### WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Stockton and the San Joaquin Council of Governments, proposes a major improvement project consisting of freeway and interchange improvements on Interstate 5 between 0.2 mile south of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and 1.8 miles north of Eight Mile Road in northwest Stockton in San Joaquin County. The improvements would add two additional travel lanes (one in each direction) on Interstate 5 between Country Club Boulevard and Eight Mile Road, add auxiliary lanes between interchange ramps from March Lane to North Gateway Boulevard, modify two existing interchanges (Hammer Lane and Eight Mile Road) and construct two new interchanges (at Otto Drive and North Gateway Boulevard).

The additional travel lanes may operate as high-occupancy vehicle/carpool lanes during the morning and afternoon peak periods. The project also considers re-striping the existing inside lanes between Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and Country Club Boulevard to be high-occupancy vehicle/carpool lanes during peak periods, or continue as mixed-flow lanes, depending on the alternative chosen. The four interchanges would include high-occupancy vehicle bypass lanes on the on-ramps. Project construction phasing will also be discussed.

### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is the Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment Report and of its availability for you to read.

The Public Hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans staff before the preferred alternative is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right-of-way, and for construction of various phases, will be discussed, and Caltrans' staff will be available to explain the Department's relocation assistance for residents moved by the project. The Hearing will be an Open House format; you are invited to attend anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 p.m.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM 10 and PM 2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM 10 and PM 2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed (PM 10 and PM 2.5) hot-spot analysis was completed, as required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, based on U.S. EPA Guidance. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

You can look at or obtain the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment at the Caltrans District Office, 1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the exception of the first three Fridays of each month due to furlough. Maps and other information are available. Copies of the document are also available to review at the City of Stockton, Public Works Department, 22 East Weber Avenue, Room 301, Stockton, CA; Margaret Troke Library, 502 West Benjamin Holt Drive, Stockton, CA; Cesar Chavez Central Library, 605 North El Dorado St., Stockton, CA; and Maya Angelou Branch Library, 2323 Pock Lane, Stockton, CA. Or, visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/I5nstkn/index.htm>.

### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will become part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment, you may submit your written comments at the Public Hearing or until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2009 to Caltrans by regular mail, Attn: Gail Miller, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726; or via e-mail at [gail\\_miller@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gail_miller@dot.ca.gov). Also, a court reporter will be at the Public Hearing if you wish to dictate your comments.

### CONTACT

For more information, please contact Scott Guidi, Project Manager at (209) 948-7829 or send e-mail to [Scott\\_Guidi@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Scott_Guidi@dot.ca.gov). For other transportation matters or for individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.), please contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or (711).

