



**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
SUMMARY REPORT**

December 8, 2009
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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What is in this document?

This document is a summary report of the public information meeting for the Interstate 205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project located near the City of Tracy in San Joaquin County, California. This document describes what occurred at the public information meeting.

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Executive Summary

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Tracy and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), held a public information meeting for the Interstate 205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the public information meeting was to give members of the public and interested parties an opportunity to review the design concepts, project information, and environmental process displays and to provide comments or concerns.

This meeting was part of the project development process. It is the intent of the project development team to analyze the information gathered at this meeting to potentially be used for improvement to the project design and/or the environmental studies process. All comments submitted at the meeting or sent to Gail Miller, Acting Environmental Branch Chief, Caltrans, or Christina Hibbard, Project Manager, Caltrans, prior to January 1, 2010, are included in the Public Information Meeting Summary Report.

Caltrans, City of Tracy, and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) gave notice of the public information meeting by sending an announcement to property owners, residents, elected officials, public agencies, transit entities, civic and community groups, and other interested parties. Display advertisements noticing the public information meeting were placed in *The Tracy Press* and in *The Bilingual Weekly*.

The meeting format included two open house periods, one before and one after a presentation by the consultant team project manager. Upon arriving, attendees were asked to sign in to maintain an attendance record and to ensure all interested parties would be added to the project mailing list. Each attendee received a handout with an agenda, project background and purpose, project limits, and information on how to comment on the project. Also included were logos of Caltrans, SJCOG, and City of Tracy.

Attendees were encouraged to visit the information stations around the room and to view maps, graphics, and display boards. Project development team members were available at the stations to explain the displays, answer questions, and receive public input. Attendees were also encouraged to submit written comments on forms provided at the greeting table and the public comment station or to mail them to the public outreach coordinator for transmission to Gail Miller, Acting Environmental Branch Chief, Caltrans. A public stenographer was available to receive dictation.

After welcoming and housekeeping remarks by the public outreach coordinator, the project manager presented the background and the purpose of the project, as well as a project description and schedule.

This Summary Report provides a complete description of the purpose and goals of the public information meeting, its planning and implementation, and the information presented. Public comment received at the public information meeting and on the Project Hotline is summarized, and copies of material related to the meeting are included in the appendices.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

A Public Information Meeting Was Held

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Tracy and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), held a public information meeting from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Larch Clover Community Center, 1157 West Larch Road, Tracy, CA. The agencies are studying the impacts of a major improvement project along Interstate 205 near the City of Tracy, i.e., Lammers Road/Eleventh Street.

1.1 Announcement of the Public Information Meeting

The project team planned and implemented the public information meeting to conform to the requirements of applicable federal and state laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The public outreach coordinator publicized the meeting through a jumbo postcard invitation sent by first-class U.S. mail to approximately 126 property owners, public agencies, transit agencies, civic and community groups, chambers of commerce, environmental groups, and other interested parties. A second set of mailers was sent by third-class mail to 6,509 residents in a mailing universe approximately as follows: Grant Line Road (north), Grunauer Road (west), Business Loop 205 (south), and Corral Hollow Road (east). Letters were also sent on December 1, 2009, by the Caltrans District 10 Director to federal, state, and local elected officials who represent the project area. Public notices were placed in *The Tracy Press* on November 28, 2009, and in *The Bilingual Weekly* on December 1, 2009. A news release was distributed on December 2, 2009, to newspapers (mainstream and alternative) and broadcast media that serve the Tracy area.

1.2 Purpose and Goals of the Public Information Meeting

The purpose of the public information meeting was to provide members of the public and other interested parties an opportunity to review the design concepts, project information, and environmental process displays and to provide comments or concerns. Those comments or concerns would then become part of the public record and be considered as the project team develops the environmental document.

1.3 Format of the Public Information Meeting

Approximately 60 persons signed in at the door. The meeting was conducted as an open house – presentation – open house. This interactive format provided an opportunity for members of the public to hear a brief presentation, review maps and other exhibits, and ask questions of and direct comments to members of the project team. Attendees were encouraged to submit written comments at a public comment station with blank comment sheets and pens. A professional stenographer was available for persons who wished to provide oral comments. Information stations with project maps, graphics, and exhibits were placed around the room. The information stations provided information on alternatives, traffic, and environmental issues. Project team members were available at each station to explain the displays, answer questions, and receive public input. A Spanish-language translator was available.

Chapter 2: Meeting Proceedings

2.1 Welcome

Guests were greeted by members of the public outreach staff, and asked to sign in to maintain an attendance record and to ensure that all interested parties would be added to the project mailing list. Approximately 60 people signed in. (See Appendix D for a list of attendees who signed in.) The public outreach staff gave each attendee a print program with the sponsor logos—Caltrans, City of Tracy, and SJCOG—which welcomed them to the public information meeting, stated the night’s agenda, and provided the project background, purpose, project limits, and project contact information. The handout also encouraged attendees to comment on the project and provided information on how to do so. The public outreach coordinator staff explained the format of the meeting, and attendees were encouraged to ask questions of the project team members who were present.

Media packets included copies of the jumbo postcard invitation, the print program, and the newspaper advertisement.

2.2 Displays and Exhibits

The information stations at the public information meeting were developed according to the issues. The informational display boards and exhibits at the public information meeting are explained below. (Reduced copies of the informational display boards and graphics are included in Appendix A.)

Station 1: Welcome Board and Sign-in Table

A welcome board stating the date, time and place greeted attendees as they entered the meeting room. A second board encouraged attendees to view the displays, ask questions, and provide their thoughts about the projects.

Station 2: Orientation Station

Boards at this station explained the purpose of the project, provided a project description, and provided a project vicinity map. This station included two land-use boards for the Tracy General Plan; the station also included an aerial map of the existing condition and a simulation of a future no-build condition with projected land uses.

Station 3: Potential Improvements

Two boards described Alternative 1: A New Diamond Interchange at Lammers Road and showed a simulation of this alternative. Another set of boards described Alternative 5A: Eleventh Street Partial Cloverleaf Interchange and presented a simulation of this alternative. Long strip maps were displayed on tables. Caltrans and the consultant team’s design engineers were available to explain the exhibits, answer questions, and explain the overall project.

Station 4: Environmental and Schedule

The boards at this station detailed the environmental process, the anticipated project schedule, and described how the cumulative impacts of all improvements would be considered in the environmental document. Representatives from Caltrans and the consulting firm responsible for

assembling the environmental document were there to explain the research and analysis being conducted and to explain the boards, answer questions, and hear comments.

Station 5: Public Comment

A board identified the public comment station and listed five ways to provide input to the process. The public outreach coordinator provided comment sheets for members of the public and other interested parties to submit written comments about the project. Written comments were submitted during the open house or could be mailed in later. Five comment sheets were submitted at the public information meeting. Also, three persons dictated comments to the professional stenographer. Public input received at the meeting is summarized in Chapter 3 of this report, and copies of the written comments submitted are included in Appendix C.

Attendees reacted positively to the meeting format, the information presented, the maps, and the displays. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to hear a formal presentation and to ask questions, as well as the opportunity to interact directly with project staff and have specific questions and concerns expressed.

2.3 Personnel on Hand

The following personnel organized and conducted the public information meeting and were available to answer questions from the public. The persons in charge of the meeting were Keith Meyer of Rajappan & Meyer, Project Manager, and Judith Buethe of Buethe Communications, Public Outreach Coordinator.

2.3.1 Caltrans

Sahroom Ali, Design
Dinah Bortner, District 10 Deputy Director
Ross Chittenden, District 10 Director
Anthony Dorn, Right-of-Way
George Fernandez, Right-of-Way
Scott Guidi, Project Manager
Jennifer Lugo, Right-of-Way
Gail Miller, Environmental
Zelie Nogueira, Government and Public Affairs
Jes Padda, Design
Caroline Reyes, Design
Michael Rodrigues, Right-of-Way
Scott Smith, Environmental

2.3.2 City of Tracy

Mike Maciel
Kuldeep Sharma
Zabih Zaca

2.3.3 SJCOG

Donald Mascardo

2.3.4. San Joaquin County

Jeffrey Levers

2.3.4 Consultants

Rajappen & Meyer

Martha Dadala, P.E., Project Engineer

Ziad Dweiri, P.E., Engineer

Keith Meyer, P.E., Project Manager

Fehr and Peers

Eddie Barrios

ICF: Jones and Stokes

Wendy Johnson

Buethe Communications

Judith Buethe, Public Outreach Coordinator

Mary Ann Piana Chapman, Assistant Public Outreach Coordinator

Raquel Noriega, Spanish-Language Translator

Public Stenographer

Desiree Britt

2.3.5 Other Agencies and Elected Officials

U.S. House of Representatives

Gary Proust, Office of Congressman Jerry McNerney

Chapter 3 Public Input

3.1 Comments Received at Public Information Meeting

Summary of Comments Received

Below is a brief summary of the written or dictated comments received at the public information meeting. Five persons submitted comments sheets; three persons dictated comments to the public stenographer. (Copies of all written and dictated comments received by the public outreach coordinator are included in Appendix C.)

- Prefer Alternative #1 (2)
- Byron Highway should be widened to Mountain House Parkway
- Keep Van Sosten Road open (2)
- Prefer Alternative #5A (4)
- Sound walls are needed.
- Stoplights are needed on Lammers Road.
- Sound, light, and air pollution concerns.
- Impacts to property values
- Impacts to lifestyle
- Stop light is needed at Byron Highway and Grant Line Road.

Comment Sheets Submitted

Thomas E. Davis

I very much prefer Alternative 1 as the current exit to 11th St. is more than ample even for future development of Gateway, let along it's cheaper. Both plans keep Von Sosten Rd. open, and that's a good thing. The most needed construction that should coincide with either alternative should include widening Byron Highway all the way down to Mtn. House Parkway. Thank you.

M/M J. Simmons

Prefer Alternative #1.

Douglas Sojo

Keep Von Sosten Rd. open and ok Alternative 5A.

Darcy A. Taylor

(Ms. Taylor supplied her e-mail address.)

Lyman Van Vactor

(Mr. Van Vactor asked to have his name added to the mailing list.)

3.2 Dictated Comments Received

Larry Mohr

5A-- because there will be no loss in emergency vehicles response time. The others eliminate Lammers going onto Eleventh Street. Diverts traffic more evenly on Eleventh for trucks not having to stop, maybe except for Eleventh coming off the freeway. I'm going to assume the other part stoplights would be -- maybe, maybe not. But the other ones, they definitely will, because they have to turn to get onto Eleventh and make the turns to slow down. You have the others, a large amount of traffic from the high school right now. And that's just going to add to it during the morning rush and the evening rush when you got high school kids coming out of the school down to Eleventh making the turn onto Eleventh. So traffic would flow better.

If they put in sound walls, that would have to be the easiest to mitigate on 580. I don't know who handles stoplights, but they're going to have to put stoplights in on Lammers because traffic to get on this new Lammers are going to get crossed. How are you going to make the turn except for the right? Noise, air emissions from trucks, and the emergency response time, because the other two cut off Eleventh to down Lammers, and Kyle is just down Lammers; that's my main concern.

Bret and Karen Vernon.

We have concerns regarding the environmental impacts of Alternative 1 to our neighborhood. Presently, our home backs up to Lammers Road. Traffic on Lammers now is light; however, we still clearly hear traffic behind us, and we feel large trucks on Lammers. Alternative 1 would increase truck and vehicle traffic directly behind our house significantly.

Roadway deterioration will make this significantly worse over time. We have concerns about noise, vibration, and to a lesser extent, light and air pollution, construction that will make our house uninhabitable. Alternative 1 would also result in significantly reduced emergency service access, because Lammers Road would no longer connect to Eleventh Street. The old Lammers Road would no longer connect directly to Eleventh Street.

The impacts to our property value and our way of life would probably be significant. Given a choice, 5A would be our choice. It seems to have better access to Gateway Business Park. And it's more centrally located between the two developments, allows for more developments on either side of the new Lammers, and eases congestion at the dangerous Byron Highway/ Grant Line Intersection. There should be a stoplight at the corner of Byron Highway and Grant Line.

Louie Dobler

We would prefer 5A. We own the property on the corner of Byron and Grant Line Road where commercial structures are -- the buildings. The alignment right now has the other alternative coming right through our property. According to Keith Meyer, it could be tweaked where it -- I guess 1A could still do that, slope, go around that, but that would still work too, but we would prefer not to have our structures and the property affected, and that resolution could

occur. So we just have to see what happens at the next meeting. Only two structures -- that happens to be -- our parcel is one of them, with the structures.

3.3 Telephone and E-mail Comments Received

Following are the telephone and e-mail comments received from November 30, 2009, to December 15, 2009.

November 30, 2009

Kent Mar

Centron Management Group Inc.

To: Gail Miller 11/30/09 07:26PM

Subject: I205/Lammers Road Interchange Project

Ms. Miller,

I received a notice in the mail about an upcoming meeting about the design of the new interchange. Is there anything that you can email to me to help me visualize what is being proposed?

Thanks.

December 2, 2009

Bob Habit (e-mail to G. Miller)

To: Gail Miller 12:45 PM

Subject: I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project, Tracy, CA

Dear Ms. Miller,

I just spoke with Scott Guidi of Caltrans, who referred me to you. I would like to know if there is a location where I could take a look at the proposed plans for the interchange project before the Public Information Meeting on December 8. Thanks for your help.

-Bob Habit

December 9, 2009

Jeff Brotman (e-mail to S. Smith)

Brotman Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc.

To: Donald Mascardo

Hi Donald,

It was good meeting you this evening @ the Tracy meeting.....

It would be very helpful if you could provide to us (via email) all of the information that was exhibited at the Tracy community meeting.....Thanks very much.....JB

Jeff Brotman

December 11, 2009

Nicholas Stumpf (e-mail to G. Miller)

To: Gail Miller 12/10/09 12:23 PM

Subj: I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project

Dear Gail,

I was sick and not able to attend the meeting in Tracy on Tuesday as I had wished. I would appreciate receiving any printed information or other sources of data that may have been provided at that meeting regarding the proposed project.

I have lived in Santos Ranch off of Von Sosten Road for over thirty two years. I have seen the area grow tremendously and I am familiar with the traffic problems that have developed as a result. I do have a biased point of view in that I don't want to see Von Sosten Road become a key arterial with greatly increased traffic flow that would negatively impact the quality of life in our rural communities of Santos Ranch / Los Ranchos. The traffic from Mountain House has already had a significant negative impact with greatly increased flow volumes, excessive

speed, and late night racing, burnouts, etc.. But I do understand the need for improvement and will especially support certain actions to mitigate traffic problems in our area along Byron Road that do not negatively impact Von Sosten Road.

I don't know the specifics of the options being proposed now so I like to give a relatively unbiased set of proposals myself. The problems as I see them are not a result of a lack of another interchange from 205 to surface streets. There is already a very large, appropriate, and adequate interchange at Naglee Road at the entrance to the Mall (also Wal-Mart, Costco, Home Depot, Auto Row, etc.). Our problems now appear to exist at four intersections along Byron Road: Grant Line Road west of Byron Rd., Von Sosten Rd., South Lammers Rd., and especially Grant Line Rd. east of Byron Rd leading to/from the Mall Area. The traffic problems here were increasing as a result of growth in Tracy but were also greatly exacerbated with the development of Mountain House. The solution to at least the existing problems is to Improve Byron Road between South Lammers Rd. north to at least Grant Line Rd. West, and preferably all the way north to where Byron Rd. is adjacent to the Mountain House entrances. Additional lanes and signals are needed for left turns as well as an additional lane to accommodate through traffic at those locations. I believe this would eliminate all of the problems for now and probably the future. Another interchange at 205 / Byron Rd / South Lammers Rd. would only dump many more cars onto Byron Rd clogging it more than ever, even with these proposed improvements. It would also invariably increase the traffic on Von Sosten Road greatly deteriorating the rural nature of our existing slower and quiet ranchette-type communities. It would also further decrease the safety around Lammerville School.

Grantline Road should be a principal arterial (east-west) linking Mountain House with the Mall area leaving Von Sosten in its current small rural-road state. East / West traffic should be encouraged to use Grantline Rd. by improving it (extra traffic lane and a bicycle lane) from at least the new Delta College campus on the west (even better from I-205 further west) past Mountain House Parkway through to the major Naglee Road I-205 interchange.

In the bigger long-term view, eventually a major north-south highway will also be required to link Byron, Brentwood, and Anitoch (Highway 4) with Tracy (205/580) and Interstate 5 South. I hope that route does not include the location of Byron Road at South Lammers Road / I-205. I feel it would be better routed south down Mountain House Parkway to I-205 and on further south to I-580 leading to I-5 and LA.

Thank you for your time and for any additional information you can provide.

Sincerely,

*Nick Stumpf
Nicholas R. Stumpf*

December 14, 2009

Jim Alves (e-mail to G. Miller)

Alfred (Jim) Alves, P.E.

To: Gail Miller

Subj: I-205 Interchange Project

Hello Gail,

I attended last weeks workshop in Tracy on the I-205 Interchange Project. I certainly want to provide written comments as soon as possible, if for no other reason than to put in my two cents on which alternative (or none) I prefer and why. However, I find I am at a bit of a disadvantage from an information standpoint without the traffic study(ies). These would give me more insight as to the impacts (plus and minus) to my neighborhood, if any, and for the northwest side of Tracy. Is this available electronically or via public review location during non-working hours?

I am not so much interested in the noise studies or visual impacts, although those will be spelled out enough in the EIR. The traffic study is what I need to see and I am of the understanding that this has been completed. I would hope that to be true at this point in the process. So how can I review the traffic study? Also, is this project expected to be phased (for example, the interchange first and then extension of Lammers to Byron) and if so was there a traffic study conducted for that?

Thanks,

Alfred (Jim) Alves, P.E.



December 16, 2009

Jim Alves (e-mail to Scott Smith)

To: Scott Smith

Subj: I-205 Interchange Project

Thank you Mr. Smith.

Looking at the detail of the alternatives presented, I figured there had to be some significant planning level traffic analysis already completed. Of course, completed data and being available for public review as a study are two separate aspects of the process. I certainly understand that. I guess I am just accustomed to seeing data before the public does for projects on which I manage and participate in for my work. I then must assume at this point, there are no documents of any kind (beyond the Tracy General Plan) related to this project such as an Initial Study or Draft Project Report that are available to the public, even stakeholders? If not then so be it. I'll wait for the Draft EIR. If, so then please let me know where those may be obtained.

According to the public informational meeting, both the remaining alternatives are being included in the Draft EIR so no decision will be made on which will be chosen until later. That works for me. I am coming to the table fairly 'late' in the process compared to folks living in the von Sosten area, for example. So I want to get up to speed as much as possible and make comments based on real data and educated analysis since I live here too and so decisions won't be based on who speaks the loudest and longest or on which potential developer lobbies the hardest to preserve their self interests.

As a public servant myself working on your side of the counter, I understand far too well how these things can go. Those who don't speak up from the other side of the counter usually get left out.

Thanks again for your time and response.

Jim Alves, P.E.

Chapter 4: Outcome of the Public Information Meeting

The overall feedback received from attendees about the public information meeting was appreciation for holding the public meeting, providing detailed information, and providing varied opportunities for public input. Regarding the proposed projects, among the dominant concerns were these: safety; environmental impacts such as air, light, and noise pollution; need for improvements to nearby roadways; impacts on property and lifestyle.

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Display Materials and Hand-outs

Following are the maps, exhibits and other displays that were available for public review at the public information meeting. A room layout is also included.

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

WELCOME

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Brief Introduction at 6:00 p.m.

Larch Clover Community Center
11157 West Larch Road
Tracy, CA

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

WHY ARE WE HERE TONIGHT?

To present the project and the alternatives being considered.

- Please view the displays located around the room and ask questions.

To explain what environmental and engineering studies are being conducted.

- Staff are available at the different stations to explain how our process works and what is being studied.

To obtain input from the public and answer questions.

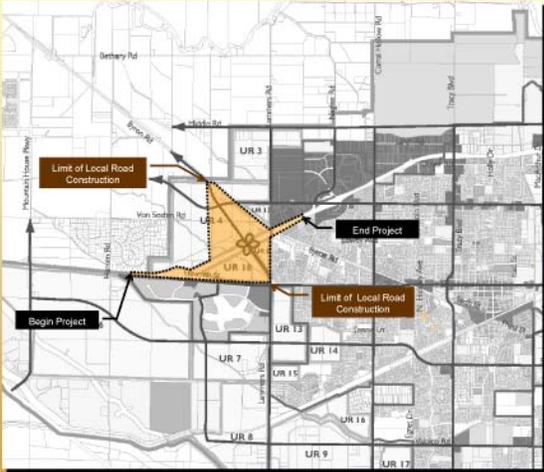
- We encourage you to give your comments.
- Verbal comments may be given to the public stenographer.
- Written comments may be placed in the comment box or mailed directly to our office.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
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PROJECT VICINITY MAP



PROJECT VICINITY

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT?

The purpose of the project is to construct improvements to the I-205 interchange at or near Lammers Road and Eleventh Street which will:

- Provide full access to both directions of I-205
- Improve traffic operations at other interchanges, and;
- Accommodate forecasted traffic growth.

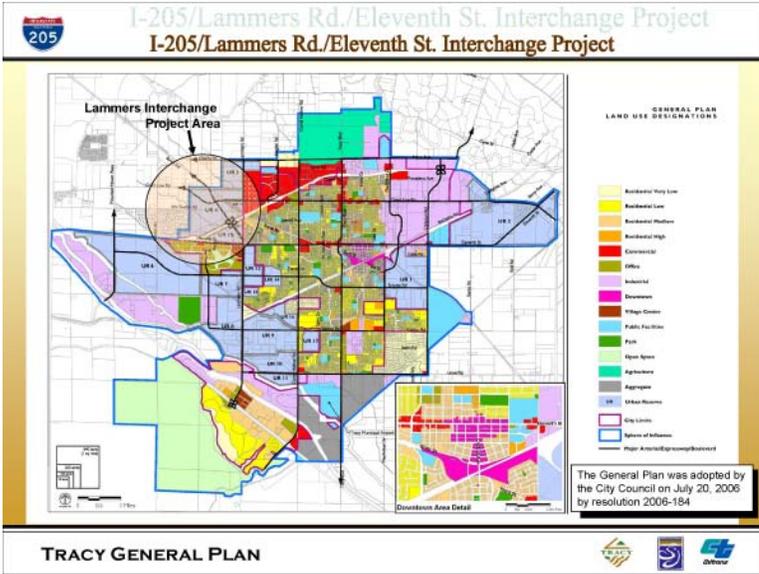
I-205 provides direct access to the western portion of the City of Tracy, a growing residential and commercial community and transportation hub in western San Joaquin County. I-205 primarily functions to channel commuter and freight traffic from the north (Stockton and Sacramento), east (Manteca, Oakdale, Sonora), and south (Modesto, Merced) to the Bay Area via Interstate 580 and the Altamont Pass.

The west Tracy area is served by a partial directional interchange at Eleventh Street and a full interchange at Grant Line Road. No interchange currently serves Lammers Road at I-205.

Without a new or modified interchange, traffic operations at Eleventh Street and Grant Line Road interchanges are expected to worsen over the next 20 years, as the Tracy community continues to grow to the north and west, in accordance with the adopted general plan.

PROJECT PURPOSE



GENERAL PLAN LAND USES IN PROJECT AREA

The following Urban Reserve land uses are planned within the Lammers Road/ Eleventh Street Interchange project area. Descriptions are excerpted from the City of Tracy General Plan.

Urban Reserve 5
 Located to the west of the I-205 Regional Commercial Area, the 200-acre Urban Reserve is envisioned as a mix of higher density residential uses and commercial uses. When development occurs, the following additional General Plan policies apply:
 3a. Residential Medium and Residential High uses should be located near the I-205 Regional Commercial Area to create a concentration of uses within walking and bicycling distance of shopping.
 3b. Direct pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connections shall be provided to and from residential areas to the I-205 Regional Commercial Area.
 3c. Residential Low and Residential Very Low uses should be located further from the commercial areas, with a fronting of streetsides serving several more road areas.

Urban Reserve 4
 This Urban Reserve, which is commonly referred to as the Cavalry property, consists of approximately 700 acres. It is located to the north of I-205 and to the northwest of the developed portion of Tracy. The vision for this area is for industrial and office uses with some low density residential uses. When development occurs, the following additional General Plan policies apply:
 4a. Industrial, office and commercial uses shall be located closest to I-205.
 4b. Office uses should be located closest to the I-205 Regional Commercial Area.
 4c. Residential Very Low uses should be located in the north and west of the area.
 4d. Due to limited access from Urban Reserve 4 as a result of I-205, the Union Pacific Railroad line, a loop street network should be created southwest of Byron Road.
 4e. Development along Byron Road should incorporate urban design features that enhance this area as an entryway to the city.

Urban Reserve 5/Urban Reserve 18
 Located just west of the current City limits, this 100-acre area bounded by I-205, Eleventh Street and Lammers Road has been designated as Urban Reserve 5 and Urban Reserve 18. Future intended uses in these two Urban Reserves include high density residential and office supported by commercial uses. When development occurs, the following additional General Plan policies apply:
 5a. Appropriate setbacks and landscaping along I-205 should be developed in order to provide an aesthetically pleasing entryway to the city and to protect residents and workers from the negative aspects of traffic.
 5b. Appropriate setbacks and landscaping shall be provided along the Eleventh Street edge of this Urban Reserve to provide an attractive visual entryway to the city.
 5c. Highway-oriented Commercial uses should be located near the I-205 interchange to serve the needs of travelers.
 5d. Residential High uses should be located along Lammers Road.
 5e. Office and Commercial uses should be located along Eleventh Street and I-205 to take advantage of visibility and access.
 5f. The Lammers Road extension shall be located to ensure that parcels are large enough to create viable commercial areas and residential neighborhoods.

Urban Reserve 12
 This 40-acre, irregular area on the northwestern side of the city is bounded by Green Lane Road to the north, Lammers Road to the east and Byron Road and the Union Pacific Railroad to the southwest. Given its proximity to the I-205 Regional Commercial Area and frontage along major streets, a majority of this area is envisioned as primarily commercial with some office uses. When development occurs, the following additional General Plan policies apply:
 12a. Consideration should be given to the relationship between the location, intensity of land use and site layout along the boundary shared by this Urban Reserve and adjacent areas, including Urban Reserve 4 and the surrounding parcels designated as Commercial.
 12b. Development along Byron Road should incorporate urban design features that enhance this area as an entryway to the city.

GENERAL PLAN LAND USES

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

EXISTING AND NO-BUILD CONDITIONS

I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

ALTERNATIVE 1

**Alternative 1:
New Diamond Interchange at Lammers Road**

This alternative would provide a new interchange at Lammers Road and I-205. The existing Eleventh Street interchange ramps to and from I-205 west would remain. Lammers Road would be realigned as a 6-lane arterial roadway north of Eleventh Street with an overcrossing of I-205 and would extend north to Grant Line Road and Byron Road. A “spread diamond” interchange would be constructed for Lammers Road traffic approximately one mile east of the Eleventh Street interchange and 1.2 miles west of the Grant Line Road interchange. Auxiliary lanes on I-205 would connect the ramps between Lammers Road and Grant Line Road. Local road improvements would include:

- Realignment and extension of Grant Line Road to connect with Lammers Road north of I-205.
- Extension of Commerce Way north of Eleventh Street to connect with the new alignment of Lammers Road south of I-205.
- Revised access to the Westgate neighborhood currently served by the existing Lammers Road.
- Revised access to Von Sostem Road at Lammers Road.

Estimated cost for this alternative is \$77.3 million, which includes interchange and local roads.

ALTERNATIVE 1



I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project



ALTERNATIVE 1 – DIAMOND



I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

ALTERNATIVE 5A

**Alternative 5A:
Eleventh Street Partial Cloverleaf Interchange**

This alternative would remove the existing Eleventh Street ramps at I-205 and replace them with a “partial cloverleaf” interchange at a realigned Eleventh Street. Eleventh Street would be realigned as a 6-lane arterial roadway with an overcrossing of I-205 and would extend north to Grant Line Road and Byron Road. The replacement interchange would be located approximately 2.3 miles east of the Mountain House Parkway interchange and 1.6 miles west of the Grant Line Road interchange. An auxiliary lane in the westbound direction along I-205 would connect the Grant Line Road on ramp to Eleventh Street exit ramp. Freeway auxiliary lanes would be extended westerly to and from Mountain House Parkway. Local road improvements would include:

- Realignment and extension of Grant Line Road at Byron Road to connect with Eleventh Street north of I-205
- Revised access to Von Sostem Road at Lammers Road.
- Extension of Commerce Way north of Eleventh Street to connect with the new alignment south of I-205.

Estimated cost for this alternative is \$86.1 million, which includes interchange and local roads.

ALTERNATIVE 5A



I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

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ALTERNATIVE 5A – PARTIAL CLOVERLEAF



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I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

Scoping
Preliminary Studies to identify Project Alternatives

Alternative Analysis
Scoping Documents
Alternative Development
Engineering and Environmental
Public/Agency Review and Comment 
Analysis of Alternatives

Biological Resources	Water Quality/Hydrology Impacts
Cultural Resources	Land Use Impacts
Community Impacts	Visual Impacts
Air Quality Impacts	Traffic Operations
Noise Impacts	

Draft Environmental Document
Preliminary Results of Environmental Analysis
Preliminary Mitigation Measures
Public/Agency Review and Comment
Circulation of Draft Environmental Document

Public/Agency Review and Comment Period
Comment Period
Public Hearing – Summer 2010

State Review & Approval
Formal Response to Comments
Selection of a Recommended Alternative
Presentation of Findings
Final Environmental Document
Project Approval - Fall 2010

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS   

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

- January 2008 Environmental Studies Started
- **December 8, 2009 Public Meeting** 
- Spring 2010 Draft Environmental Document released
- Spring 2010 Public Hearing
- Summer 2010 Public Review Period Closes – Comments Due
- Fall 2010 Final Environmental Document Approved
- 2010-2012 Final Design
- 2011-2012 Right of Way Acquisition *
- 2013-2015 Construct Interchange Modifications *

* Project schedule is based on adequate accumulation of Development Impact Fees and other funds.

WHAT'S NEXT

- Caltrans will complete Environmental Studies and issue a separate Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment for the interchange project.
- A public review/comment period of 45 days will be provided, and a public hearing will be held to obtain your input on the draft environmental documents.

PROJECT SCHEDULE   

 I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Do you have information that should be included?
Your comments will become part of the public record.

There are five ways you can provide input about the projects:

- Written comments can be placed in the comment box.
- Comments can be expressed verbally to City or Caltrans representatives.
- Comments can be expressed to the public stenographer.
- Written comments can be directly mailed to:
California Department of Transportation
Attention: Gail Miller
Acting Environmental Branch Chief
2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100
Fresno, CA 93726-5428
- email Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov

PUBLIC COMMENTS   

Be Involved

Involved
Comment

Here's How to Comment

- Fill out a Comment Sheet and leave it with the Public Outreach Coordinator this evening.
- Dictate your comments to the public stenographer.
- Send your comments to Caltrans by regular mail, Attn: Gail Miller, Acting Environmental Office Chief, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726
- Send your comments via e-mail to gail_miller@dot.ca.gov.

Learn

To Learn More about the Project

Please contact Scott Guidi, Project Manager, at (209) 948-7829, or send e-mail to Scott_Guidi@dot.ca.gov.

Thank you for attending.
Thank you

**I-205/Lammers Road/
Eleventh Street
Interchange Project**

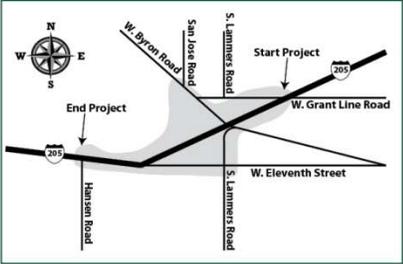
*Welcome to the
Public Information Meeting*

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Brief presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Larch Clover Community Center
11157 West Larch Road
Tracy, CA





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I-205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street

**I-205/Lammers Road/
Eleventh Street
Interchange Project**

Tonight's Agenda

December 8, 2009

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Open House

6:30 p.m.
Welcome, Introductions, Housekeeping
Judith Buethe
Public Outreach Coordinator

Project Overview
Scott Guidi, Project Manager
Caltrans District 10

Keith Meyer, P.E.
Rajappan & Meyer

Open House

8:00 p.m.
Adjourn





Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing address: _____

Please add my name to the I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project mailing list.

I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.) _____

Please drop comment sheet in the comment box or send to:

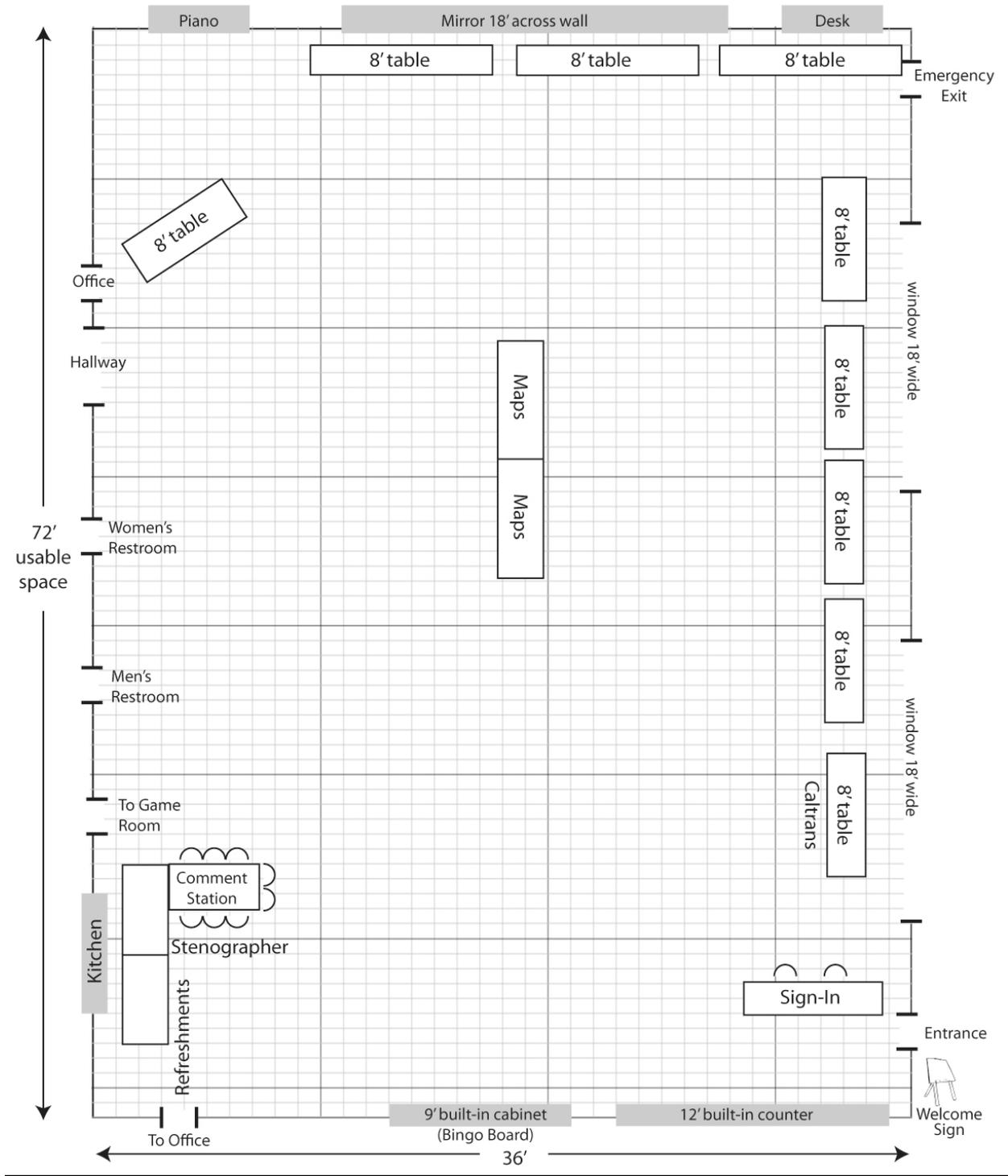
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I-205/Lammers Rd

Eleventh St. Interchange Project

I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project
 Tuesday, December 8, 2009
 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Final Layout

Larch Clover Community Center Tracy, CA



Appendix B: Notices and Letters

Following are the advertisements published in *The Tracy Press* and *Bilingual Weekly*, flyers, news release, and jumbo postcard invitations that were disseminated to the public inviting residents and interested persons to the meeting. Also shown is a copy of the Caltrans District 10 Director letter inviting elected officials to the public information meeting.

The Tracy Press
11/28/09



PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcement of Public Information Meeting/ Open House for I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project

WHEN AND WHERE?

Tracy Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Larch Clover Community Center
11157 West Larch Road
Tracy, Calif. 95376

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

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WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

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WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

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WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

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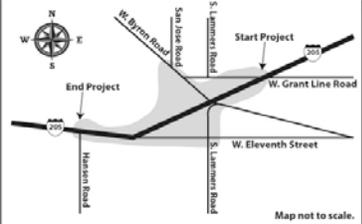
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Zelie Nogueira, Caltrans District 10 Public Information Officer, (209) 948-3930 or zelie_nogueira@dot.ca.gov

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Bilingual Weekly
12/1/09

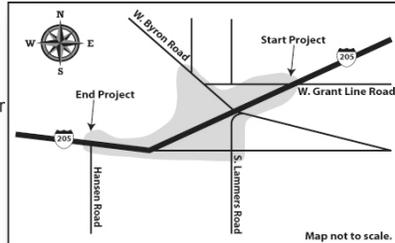


AVISO PÚBLICO

Anunciando Junta de Información Pública/Casa Abierta para el Proyecto Conexión Vial Lammers Road/I-205

¿CUÁNDO Y DÓNDE?

Tracy
Fecha: Martes 8 de Diciembre, 2009
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Lugar: Centro Comunitario Larch Clover
11157 West Larch Road
Tracy, Calif. 95376



¿CUÁL ES EL PLAN?

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¿POR QUÉ ES NECESARIO ESTE PROYECTO?

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¿POR QUÉ LE HACEMOS ESTE AVISO?

A Caltrans le interesan sus comentarios y opiniones sobre este proyecto. Esta Junta de Información Pública/Casa Abierta es una de varias oportunidades en las cuales puede usted hacer comentarios o manifestar sus preocupaciones. Sus comentarios pasarán a ser parte del archivo público y serán tomados en cuenta en el desarrollo del documento medioambiental.

¿QUÉ HABRÁ?

Se realizará una Junta de Información Pública/Casa Abierta para dar a usted la oportunidad de examinar los conceptos de diseño, información sobre el proyecto, como también ilustraciones sobre el proceso medioambiental. Habrá presentes representantes de Caltrans y otros especialistas de ingeniería, estudios medioambientales, de derecho-de-vía, de reubicación, así como administrativos del proyecto para contestar a sus preguntas y recibir sus comentarios públicos. También habrá un intérprete español/inglés a su disposición.

¿DÓNDE PARTICIPA USTED?

Si usted desea opinar sobre los proyectos puede hacerlo por escrito en la junta. Si no le es posible asistir a la junta pero tiene comentarios, preguntas o preocupaciones respecto del proyecto sírvase someterlos por escrito a Gail Miller, Jefe en Funciones de la Oficina Medioambiental, Caltrans, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 ó por correo electrónico a Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov

COMUNÍQUESE CON NOSOTROS

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Sala de Prensa
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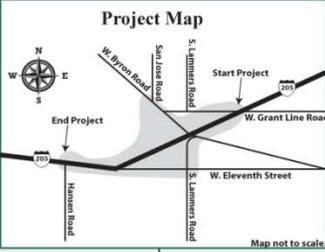
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
December 1, 2009

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/OPEN HOUSE SET FOR INTERSTATE 205/LAMMERS ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT

(Tracy, Calif.)—The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Tracy are inviting members of the public to a Public Information Meeting/Open House for the proposed Interstate 205/Lammers Road Interchange Project. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., at the Larch Clover Community Center, 11157 West Larch Road, Tracy, CA 95376. A brief presentation will be made at 6:00 p.m.

Caltrans, in cooperation with the City of Tracy, proposes to construct a new interchange at or near Lammers Road on Interstate 205 (I-205) between the Eleventh Street and Grant Line Road interchanges in northwest Tracy. The interchange improvements would reconstruct or eliminate the existing interchange at Eleventh Street/I-205 to provide full ramp movements, depending on the interchange configuration selected. Local road improvements would be made to connect Eleventh Street on the south to Byron Highway on the north. The two build alternatives are being considered in the environmental study phase are a spread diamond interchange and an Eleventh Street partial cloverleaf interchange. A “No Build” Project alternative is also being considered.

The purpose of the project is to construct improvements to the I-205 interchange at or near Eleventh Street. Improvements will provide full access to both directions of I-205, reduce congestion, improve traffic operations at other interchanges, and accommodate forecasted traffic growth.

Caltrans is interested in receiving public comments and opinions of the project. The Public Information Meeting/Open House is one of several opportunities to provide comments or concerns. Comments will be come part of the public record and will be considered in developing the environmental document.

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The Public Information Meeting/Open house will provide an opportunity to review the design concepts, project information, and environmental process displays. Representatives from Caltrans and other specialists in engineering, environmental studies, right-of-way, relocation, and project management will be there to answer questions and to take public comments. A Spanish/English-speaking translator will also be available.

Persons who are unable to attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the project are invited to submit them in writing to Gail Miler, Acting Environmental Office Chief, Caltrans, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 or by e-mail to Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov.

Contact information:

Project Information

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Environmental Information

Gail Miller, Caltrans, Acting Environmental Office Chief, Caltrans, (559) 243-8274/(209) 948-3646 or gail_miller@dot.ca.gov.

Media Inquiries

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Individuals who require special accommodations are asked to contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 five days prior to the meeting date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or 711.

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December 1, 2009

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
2500 Tulare Street, Ste. 4290
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: Announcement of a Public Information Meeting/Open House for Interstate 205/Lammers Road Interchange Project

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Tracy, is studying the impacts of a major improvement project on Interstate 205 (I-205) near Tracy. The project is the I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project.

The I-205/Lammers Road Interchange Project is being proposed to construct improvements to the I-205 interchange at or near Eleventh Street which will provide full access to both directions of I-205, reduce congestion, improve traffic operations at other interchanges, and accommodate forecasted traffic growth.

Project components may include a new interchange at or near Lammers Road on I-205 between the Eleventh Street and Grant Line Road interchanges in northwest Tracy. The interchange improvements would reconstruct or eliminate the existing interchange at Eleventh Street depending on the interchange configuration selected. Local road improvements would be made to connect Eleventh Street on the south of I-205 to Byron Highway on the north. Two build alternatives are being considered in the environmental study phase, including a spread diamond interchange and an Eleventh Street partial cloverleaf interchange. A No Build alternative is also being considered.

We would like to invite you to attend a Public Information Meeting/Open House for the project. You will have an opportunity to review the design concepts, project information, and environmental process displays. Representatives from Caltrans and other specialists in engineering, environmental studies, right-of-way, relocation and project management will be there to answer questions and to take public comments. Spanish/English-speaking staff and a translator will also be available.

"Caltrans improves mobility across California"

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
December 1, 2009
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The date, time and location of the Public Information Meeting/Open House are as follows:

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Larch Clover Community Center
11157 West Larch Road, Tracy, CA 95376

A copy of the public notice that appeared in *The Tracy Press* on Saturday, November 28, 2009, and in *The Bilingual Weekly* for the Public Information Meeting/Open House is enclosed.

If you have any questions that the public notice does not answer, please contact Gail Miller, Acting Environmental Office Chief, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, at (559) 243-8274, or Scott Guidi, Project Manager, at (209) 948-7829.

Sincerely,

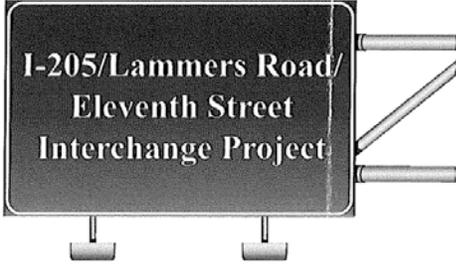


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District 10 Director

c: Gail Miller, Acting Environmental Office Chief, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis
Branch
Scott Guidi, Project Manager, Program Project Management

Appendix C: Public Comments

Following are scans of the original comment sheets and comments from members of the public dictated to the public stenographer.



Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): THOMAS E. DAVIS Date: 12. 8. 09

Mailing address:

Please add my name to the I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project mailing list.

I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.)

I VERY MUCH PREFER ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE CURRENT
EXIT TO US ST. IS MORE THAN AMPLE EVEN FOR
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF GATEWAY, LET ALONE
ITS CHEAPER - BOTH PLANS KEEP UON SOSTER RD.
OPEN, AND THATS A GOOD THING, THE MOST NEEDED
CONSTRUCTION THAT SHOULD COINCIDE WITH EITHER ALTERNATIVE
SHOULD INCLUDE WIDENING BYRON HIGHWAY ALL THE
WAY DOWN TO MT. HOUSE PARKWAY

THANK YOU
Thomas Davis

Please drop comment sheet in the comment box or send to:

Public Information Coordinator
Attn: Judith Bueth
P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773
Judith@buethcommunications.com



Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): Douglas Safo Date: 12-8-09

Mailing address:

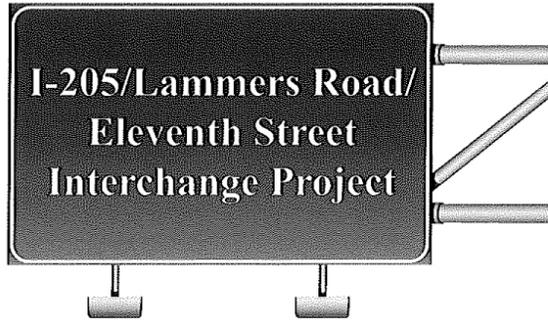
Please add my name to the I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project mailing list.

I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.)

Keep Van Sostan Rd open
and ok Alternative 5A

Please drop comment sheet in the comment box or send to:
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I-205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project



Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): DARCY A. TAYLOR Date: 12/8/09

Mailing address:

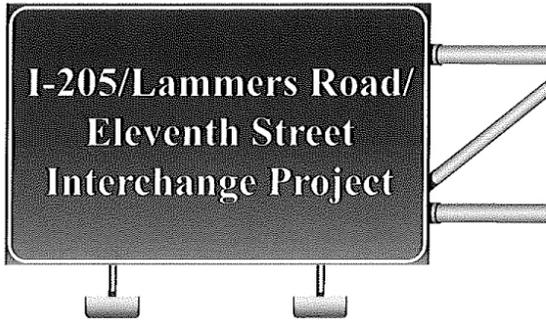
Please add my name to the I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project mailing list.

I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.)

EMAIL: DARCYT@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Please drop comment sheet in the comment box or send to:
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I-205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project



Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): Lyman Van Vactor Date: 12/8/09

Mailing address:

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I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.)

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Comment Sheet

Name (Please print): M/H J. Simmons Date: 12-8-09

Mailing address:

Please add my name to the I-205/Lammers Rd./Eleventh St. Interchange Project mailing list.

I would like the following comments filed in the record. (Please print.) _____

Prefer alternative #1

Please drop comment sheet in the comment box or send to:

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I-205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project

I-205/Lammers Road/Eleventh Street Interchange Project Public Meeting Dictated Comments

Larry Mohr



5A-- because there will be no loss in emergency vehicles response time. The others eliminate Lammers going onto Eleventh Street. Diverts traffic more evenly on Eleventh for trucks not having to stop, maybe except for Eleventh coming off the freeway. I'm going to assume the other part stoplights would be -- maybe, maybe not. But the other ones, they definitely will, because they have to turn to get onto Eleventh and make the turns to slow down. You have the others, a large amount of traffic from the high school right now. And that's just going to add to it during the morning rush and the evening rush when you got high school kids coming out of the school down to Eleventh making the turn onto Eleventh. So traffic would flow better.

If they put in sound walls, that would have to be the easiest to mitigate on 580. I don't know who handles stoplights, but they're going to have to put stoplights in on Lammers because traffic to get on this new Lammers are going to get crossed. How are you going to make the turn except for the right? Noise, air emissions from trucks, and the emergency response time, because the other two cut off Eleventh to down Lammers, and Kyle is just down Lammers; that's my main concern.

Bret and Karen Vernon.



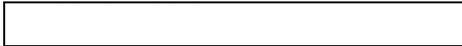
We have concerns regarding the environmental impacts of Alternative 1 to our neighborhood. Presently, our home backs up to Lammers Road. Traffic on Lammers now is light; however, we still clearly hear traffic behind us, and we feel

large trucks on Lammers. Alternative 1 would increase truck and vehicle traffic directly behind our house significantly.

Roadway deterioration will make this significantly worse over time. We have concerns about noise, vibration, and to a lesser extent, light and air pollution, construction that will make our house uninhabitable. Alternative 1 would also result in significantly reduced emergency service access, because Lammers Road would no longer connect to Eleventh Street. The old Lammers Road would no longer connect directly to Eleventh Street.

The impacts to our property value and our way of life would probably be significant. Given a choice, 5A would be our choice. It seems to have better access to Gateway Business Park. And it's more centrally located between the two developments, allows for more developments on either side of the new Lammers, and eases congestion at the dangerous Byron Highway/ Grant Line Intersection. There should be a stoplight at the corner of Byron Highway and Grant Line.

Louie Dobler.



We would prefer 5A. We own the property on the corner of Byron and Grant Line Road where commercial structures are -- the buildings. The alignment right now has the other alternative coming right through our property. According to Keith Meyer, it could be tweaked where it -- I guess 1A could still do that, slope, go around that, but that would still work too, but we would prefer not to have our structures and the property affected, and that resolution could occur. So we just have to see what happens at the next meeting. Only two structures -- that happens to be -- our parcel is one of them, with the structures.

Appendix D: Photographs of Meeting
Following are photos taken during the meeting.



I205/Lammers Road/Elleventh Street Interchange Project Public Information Meeting Summary Report

