



SR-4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project Open House Public Meeting Summary



DATE/LOCATION

April 10, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Copperopolis Armory

695 Main Street, Copperopolis

BACKGROUND

State Route 4 (SR 4) serves as a major east-west route through southern Calaveras County, providing access from the San Joaquin Valley to the Sierra Nevada Mountains. While much of SR 4 within Calaveras County has been improved in accordance with current design standards, the segment of SR 4 between Copperopolis and Angels Camp largely consists of narrow, non-standard lanes with no adjacent shoulders. The alignment follows the existing rolling topography, resulting in numerous curves and limited sight distance, which reduces the operating speed of the roadway to approximately 25 to 35 miles per hours. In order to reduce accidents, improve operational efficiency and relieve current and future traffic congestion, as well as to close the gap between improved roadway segments, the Calaveras County Department of Public Works, in coordination with Caltrans, is proposing to realign this segment of roadway in accordance with current design standards.

Caltrans initiated the SR 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project, completing a Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) document in April 2001. Starting in 2008, preliminary studies were completed and public meetings were held to evaluate numerous alignments. As a result of these efforts, two basic alignment corridors were recommended for further study in the environmental document and Project Report.

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING PURPOSE

The Open House Public Meeting was scheduled to inform the local community of the current project status, and provide an opportunity for local residents to ask questions and provide comments on the proposed SR 4 alignments between Copperopolis and Angels Camp.

PUBLICITY AND NOTICING

Invitations were issued to affected property owners in the immediate project area. In addition, a press release was published on March 21st in the following publications:

- Stockton Record
- Calaveras Enterprise
- Calaveras Union Democrat
- Sierra Sentinel
- Valley Springs News



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MEETING ATTENDEES

Approximately 46 community members attended the meeting.

Project team members in attendance included:

- Debbie Ponte, County Supervisor, District 4
- Cliff Edson, County Supervisor, District 1
- Tom Garcia, Calaveras County
- Jonathan Mitchell, Calaveras County
- Matt Satow, Drake Haglan Associates
- Anissa Brown, Caltrans
- Shane Gunn, Caltrans
- Mike Hutchinson, Caltrans
- Grace Magsayo, Caltrans
- Jessa Perez, Caltrans
- Melissa Eads, Calaveras COG
- David Hanham, City of Angels Camp
- Pamela Dalcin-Walling, Dokken Engineering
- Sarah Holm, Dokken Engineering
- Namat Hosseinion, Dokken Engineering
- Juann Ramos, Dokken Engineering

OPEN HOUSE OVERVIEW AND FORMAT

The Open House began with an introduction of project team members and welcome by Calaveras Country Deputy Director of Public Works, Jonathan Mitchell. Calaveras County Supervisor for District 4, Debbie Ponte, also welcomed attendees and acknowledged the importance of participation by the local community.

Matt Satow, Calaveras County Project Manager, provided a summary of the project status, including the following key points:

- Project Purpose and Need
- History of Computer Modeling that identified the three proposed alignments
- Project Schedule
- In late 2013, the Project Team will conduct another Open House Public Meeting to update the community on the project status
- Draft EIR is expected to be complete mid-2015



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- Final EIR is expected to be complete in late 2015 or early 2016
- Construction is expected to start in 2018

Matt indicated that questions would not be addressed during this portion of the program, but that attendees would have the opportunity to review the design display boards, ask questions, provide input and discuss their concerns one-on-one with project team members once the presentation was complete. Handouts included a Project Fact Sheet and a Project Comment Card. Attendees were encouraged to complete the Comment Cards and either leave them when they left the Open House, or return them within a week.

Matt Satow advised that project team members are available to meet individually with property owners separate from the Open House event, but should contact Matt first. Matt can be reached at (916) 363-4210, or via email at MSatow@drakehaglan.com.

Following the presentation, Matt invited attendees to view the design displays and engage project team members in discussion, express their concerns and ask questions.

Project information and updates will be available on the Caltrans website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/enviornmental/projects/sr4wagontrail>

COMMUNITY INPUT

Community input was collected in the form of comment cards and verbal conversations. The feedback obtained from the community will be evaluated and refinements to the project will be made as a result of this feedback to the maximum extent practicable. Public input will continue to be considered throughout the duration of the project development phase.