



State Route 12/88 Improvements Project

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STATE ROUTE 12/88 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT MOVES FORWARD Public Information Meeting Set for Tuesday, February 23, 2010

(Lockeford-Clements, Calif.)--Members of the public are invited to a public information meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, to discuss the State Route 12/88 Improvement Project. The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Mokelumne Rural Fire Department, 13157 East Brandt Road, Lockeford. From 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., maps and other displays will be available to view in an open house format. At 6:00 p.m., members of the project team will make a brief presentation, after which the open house will resume. Specialists from the project team will be available at the displays for informal discussion.

Previous studies have been completed identifying alternatives to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety on SR12/88 near Lockeford and Clements. During those efforts, key concerns voiced by the communities included traffic congestion, safe pedestrian crossings, reduced speed through towns, and safe left-turn access for businesses and residences. Alternatives being considered include widening existing State Route 12/88 by adding two lanes; constructing a one-way couplet through downtown Lockeford; constructing a realignment around downtown Lockeford along an abandoned railroad alignment; constructing a bypass to divert traffic around Lockeford and Clements following Brandt Road and Clements Road alignments; constructing a bypass to divert traffic around Lockeford and widening State Route 12/88 by adding two lanes through Clements; and a no-build alternative.

The SR 12/88 Improvement project is moving forward to the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. At the February 23, 2010, public meeting, refined and more detailed information for the project alternatives will be provided. Purposes and activities of the PA & ED phase will be explained, and public input and local knowledge will be gathered by the project team.

The California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead agency working with the San Joaquin Council of Governments (project sponsors), the communities of Lockeford and Clements, San Joaquin County, and local citizens. Measure K, the voter-approved, half-cent transportation sales tax, is funding the PA & ED services for this project phase.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed projects may make written comments at the meeting or may submit them in writing to Gail Miller, Caltrans Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 or by e-mail to Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov.

For more information about the project, members of the public may contact Scott Guidi, Project Manager, Caltrans, at (209) 948-7829, e-mail at Scott_Guidi@dot.ca.gov; or contact Kevin Sheridan, Project Manager, San Joaquin Council of Governments, at (209) 235-0577, email at Sheridan@sjcog.org. The project Web site is at www.dot.ca.gov/dist10. For all other State Highway matters, the public is encouraged to contact the District 10 Public Affairs office at (209) 948-7977.

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 at least five days prior to the scheduled open house date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.

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