



# FERGUSON SLIDE

## Restoration Project



# Community Impact Assessment

### **What is a Community Impact Assessment?**

State and Federal Law requires Caltrans to evaluate the potential economic, environmental, and social impacts of project alternatives on affected citizen's Quality of Life. Caltrans has contracted Parsons Engineering Inc. to develop this extremely important Community Impact Assessment. Parsons conducted one-on-one surveys with community members in April 2007 to gather Community Impact Assessment information. This information will be used to discuss the hardships that have occurred and would continue to occur to business owners in the region if the permanent restoration project was not constructed.

### **Why is the Community Impact Assessment required?**

State and Federal Transportation Law, requires that projects are developed so that adverse effects on public facilities and services, employment, property and tax-base as well as disruption or displacement of citizens and businesses be minimized or appropriately mitigated.

### **Where are the boundaries of the Community Impact Assessment?**

The boundaries for this Community Impact Assessment were cast wide enough to include economic sustainability issues that concern the greater Merced to Yosemite Hwy 140 Corridor.

### **When will the Community Impact Assessment be completed?**

The Draft Environmental Document will have a discussion of the Community Impact Assessment and copies of the Community Impact Assessment will be available upon request as a separate technical report during circulation of the Draft Environmental Document anticipated in October 2007.

### **How's the Community Impact Assessment developed?**

Development of a Community Impact Assessment generally includes the following steps:

1. *Define the Project Study Area*
2. *Develop a Community Profile*
3. *Analyze Impacts*
4. *Identify Solutions*
5. *Use Public Involvement*
6. *Document Findings*

... to help ensure that a project has the least adverse effect on a Community's Quality of Life.

Note: Community Impact Assessments may need to be updated based on new information coming in as the project proceeds to ensure their effectiveness.