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**CONGESTION RELIEF ALONG U.S. ROUTE 101 IN SAN MATEO COUNTY PLANNED
Draft Environmental Document Released for Public Review and Comment**

(San Mateo, CA) – A draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) released today examines the 4.5-mile (7.1KM) stretch of U.S. Route 101, in San Mateo County. This portion of the freeway plays a key role in regional north-south travel, passing through highly developed residential communities, commercial and light industrial areas in San Mateo, Burlingame, and Millbrae. Also, providing access to the San Francisco International Airport, this section of the freeway is prone to congestion. To enhance safety and mobility in this important corridor, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) propose adding auxiliary lanes in both directions along U.S. Rout 101 south of Millbrae Avenue to Third Avenue. The public is invited to review the draft IS/EA at the following locations:

◆ Burlingame Library
480 Primrose Road,
Burlingame, CA 94010

◆ San Mateo City Hall,
Office of City Clerk
330 West 20th Avenue,
San Mateo, CC 94403

◆ Millbrae Library
801 Magnolia Avenue,
Millbrae, CA 94030

◆ SMCTA Offices
1250 San Carlos Avenue,
3rd Floor, San Carlos, CA
94070

◆ Caltrans District 4 Offices
111 Grand Avenue,
Oakland, CA 94623

◆ The Project Web Site
www.SMCTA.com

To make comments and/or request a CD ROM or hard copy draft IS/EA, contact James W. McKim, SMTCA Senior Engineer at 650.508.7944 or mckimj@samtrans.com. All comments must be received by August 29, 2003. The community will also have an opportunity to learn more about the project and environmental study results at an **Open House scheduled for:**

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2003

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Poplar Creek Golf Course, Dominic’s Restaurant
1700 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo (wheelchair accessible)

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