

Caldecott Improvement Project on State Route 24

in

Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California

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Final Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Report VOLUME I



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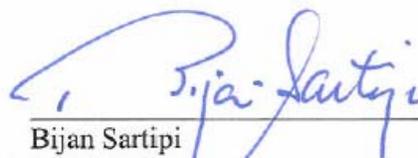
This Project proposes to construct a Fourth Bore for the Caldecott Tunnel on State Route 24. The project limits extend from the State Route 24/13 Interchange in Alameda County to the State Route 24/Gateway Boulevard Interchange in Contra Costa County

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Department of Transportation

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**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

**FOR THE
CALDECOTT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ON STATE ROUTE 24
IN
ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES, CALIFORNIA**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the Caldecott Improvement Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) and other available reports, which have been independently evaluated by FHWA and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. The EA provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The FHWA assumes responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA.

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for GENE K. FONG
Division Administrator

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PREFACE

This is the Final Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (FEA/EIR) for a proposed transportation project, commonly referred to as the Caldecott Improvement Project, on State Route 24 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The project will construct a fourth bore for the Caldecott Tunnel north of the existing three bores. The Draft Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report (DEA/EIR) for the Caldecott Improvement Project was circulated during May, June and July of 2006. Two public hearings in separate locations were held to maximize participation by interested parties on both sides of the Caldecott Tunnel. The two-lane alternative north of the existing tunnels has been identified as the Preferred Alternative.

This FEA/EIR consists of two volumes. **Volume I** (this volume) is an update of the DEA/EIR. It reflects design refinements to the Preferred Alternative and includes mitigation/abatement measures made in response to comments on the DEA/EIR. It also revises and updates information provided in the DEA/EIR as appropriate. Where changes have been made in **Volume I** from the DEA/EIR a vertical line has been placed in the margin.

Volume II contains comments and responses to comments on the Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report received from individuals, organizations, businesses, and local, regional, state, and federal agencies about the proposed project. These comments were received during the comment period and at the public hearings held on June 7, 2006 in the city of Orinda and on June 15, 2006 in the city of Oakland for the DEA/EIR.

For project information beyond that addressed in this document, the reader is referred to the technical studies listed in Appendix F of this volume, which are available for review at the Public Information Center, Department of Transportation, at 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. Copies of the FEA/EIR are also available at the following libraries:

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