

# Chapter 3

## Comments and Coordination

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Early and continuing coordination with the general public and appropriate public agencies is an essential part of the environmental process. It helps planners determine the necessary scope of environmental documentation, the level of analysis required, and to identify potential impacts and mitigation measures and related environmental requirements. Agency consultation and public participation for this proposed project have been accomplished through a variety of formal and informal methods, including: project development team meetings and interagency coordination meetings. This chapter summarizes the results of Caltrans' efforts to fully identify, address and resolve project-related issues through early and continuing coordination.

### 3.1 Public Agency Technical Meetings

Project development team technical meetings have occurred regularly in conjunction with development of the Highway 101 Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Improvement project, as discussed in **Section 1.3.4, Alternatives Considered but Withdrawn from Further Consideration**. Project development team participants include representatives from the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and Caltrans and represent various fields of expertise including design, environmental review, traffic operations, and project management. The extensive alternatives evaluation and screening process that the project development team has carried out over the last six years has led to the development of a Build Alternative that addresses many of the concerns raised by the public, local stakeholders, and local agencies.

### 3.2 Agency Stakeholder Consultation

Project stakeholders are public agencies or other planning entities that provide input and direction to the project. Each stakeholder has varying roles in the planning, environmental clearance, permitting, and operation of the project. The stakeholders also have varying jurisdictional roles and responsibilities regarding funding, operations, and maintenance of the project. The Highway 101 Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Improvement project stakeholders include the following agencies:

- County of Marin
- Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM)
- California Department of Transportation (CEQA and NEPA Lead Agency)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- City of Larkspur
- Town of Corte Madera

### 3.3 Native American Consultation

In September 2006, Caltrans requested a Sacred Lands search to be conducted by the Native American Heritage Commission (Commission) to determine if there were known cultural sites within or near the project area. Following the records search, the Commission stated that they had no record of Native American resources within or near the Build Alternative's APE. A list of interested Native American groups and individuals in the Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor was provided by the Commission. Letters requesting input from interested parties were sent to the Native American groups and individuals in October 2006. Ms. Kathleen Smith responded to the letter via phone call noting that a prehistoric chert quarry was located in the project area. The possible quarry lies just north of and outside the records search area and outside the Build Alternative's APE.

Subsequent letters were sent out to the same Native American groups and individuals in July 2010. Ms. Kathleen Smith responded to the letter via phone call stating that she was unaware of specific resources in the area. Mr. Nick Tipton, representing the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, expressed concerns regarding the Build Alternative's potential impacts on cultural resources, including human remains in the APE. Mr. Tipton requested a meeting to discuss the project. Caltrans provided Mr. Tipton with a copy of the draft Archeological Survey Report and continued correspondences regarding the project. Following these discussions, Mr. Tipton expressed his approval regarding the level of effort that was being undertaken to ensure that adverse effects to prehistoric cultural resources will be avoided. No other responses were received regarding the project.

### 3.4 Consultation with Public Resource Agencies

The following consultation occurred with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries), and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in regards to the Highway 101 Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor Improvement project.

- NOAA Fisheries, November 8 and 22, 2010, and March 8, 2011: Joe Hueblein, Fisheries Biologist, comments that the biological studies should include the Central California Coast Steelhead and North American green sturgeon.
- USFWS, July 24, 2009, and November 23, 2010: Melissa Helton, Endangered Species Program, and John Cleckler, Biologist, discussed California clapper rail habitat and protocol-level survey findings. Discussions also include tidewater goby (could be extirpated). USFWS agrees that tidal salt marsh in the biological study area (BSA) is only dispersal/foraging habitat for California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.
- CDFG, April 9, 10, and 11, 2012: Ryan Watanabe, Fisheries, Randy Baxter, longfin smelt researcher, Vicki Frey, Environmental Scientist, Tim Dodson, Environmental Scientist, discussion of whether there is enough evidence to determine coho salmon extirpated from Corte Madera creek; discussions concluded that there was not enough evidence. Adding longfin smelt as potential species to occur and measures to avoid potential impacts.

Based on the cultural resources investigations conducted, the Build Alternative will not impact any archeological or historical resources. The Historic Property Survey Report determined a CEQA finding of no impact to historic properties and a Section 106 determination of no historic properties affected was

filed with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). In a letter dated January 23, 2012, the SHPO concurred with Caltrans' determination that none of the following architectural resources identified within the Build Alternative's APE were eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.

- 2170 Redwood Highway in the City of Larkspur
- 110 Nellen Avenue in the City of Corte Madera
- 220 Nellen Avenue in the City of Corte Madera, and
- 201 Tamal Vista Boulevard in the City of Corte Madera.

The SHPO letter concurred that a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" was appropriate for the Build Alternative, due to the absence of any identified historic properties within the APE.

### 3.5 Required Permits

Table 3-1 identifies the permits/approvals that will be required for project construction.

**Table 3-1: Permits and Approvals**

Agency	Permit/Approval	Status
United States Army of Engineers	Section 404 Permit – Nationwide Section 10 Permit (required only if the Coast Guard declines to assert its jurisdiction)	To be obtained prior to construction To be obtained prior to construction
United States Coast Guard	Section 9 Permit	To be obtained prior to construction
United States Fish and Wildlife Service NOAA Fisheries	Section 7 Consultation for Threatened and Endangered Species	To be obtained prior to approval of the environmental document
California Department of Fish and Game	1602 Agreement Incidental take permit (to be determined)	To be obtained prior to construction
California Regional Water Quality Control Board	Section 401 Permit	To be obtained prior to construction
Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Bay Conservation and Development Commission Permit	To be obtained prior to construction

### 3.6 Public Participation

#### 3.6.1 Mailing List

A database of potentially interested or affected parties was developed and used for noticing the availability of the environmental document and the opportunity to request a public hearing. This database includes affected property owners and occupants along the Greenbrae/Twin Cities Corridor, regional and local agencies, community and special interest groups, and the media. Notices were also mailed to the elected officials representing the regional, state and federal jurisdictions applicable to the project. The

database has been periodically updated after each election cycle, and has been revised several times to add other stakeholders or update addresses. The mailing list also includes those organizations and individuals who have participated in the extensive scoping process for the project.

### **3.6.2 Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Document**

A Notice of Availability was circulated to the project mailing list and to the various parties listed in the Distribution List (see **Chapter 5, Distribution List**).<sup>1</sup> The notice provided information on the project, where the environmental document can be reviewed, the address to which comments should be sent, and the close of the comment period.

The public notice and the draft environmental document are posted on the Transportation Authority of Marin's (TAM) and Caltrans' websites. Public notices have been posted in the local newspapers of general circulation within the project area. Additional copies of this document are available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans' District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, California, 94612
- Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), 781 Lincoln Avenue, Suite 160, San Rafael, CA 94901
- City of Larkspur Planning Department, 400 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, California 94939
- Corte Madera Town Hall Planning Department, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925
- Marin County Free Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925

### **3.6.3 Opportunity for a Public Hearing/Public Meeting**

A public meeting will be held on January 29, 2012 during the 30-day review period of this draft environmental document. The intent of the public meeting is to solicit comments and receive input from the public and agencies on the environmental analyses and conclusions presented in this environmental document. Comments received on the draft environmental document will be taken into consideration for the final draft of this document.

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<sup>1</sup> Certain private individuals may not be included in the project's Distribution List due to privacy concerns; these individuals received either an electronic or a written notice of the document's availability.

# **Chapter 4**

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The following agencies, organizations, and individuals received printed or electronic copies of this document. Agencies, organizations, and individuals on the project mailing list were notified of the availability of this document and public meetings as described in **Chapter 3.0, Comments and Coordination**. Agency names marked with an asterisk (\*) received copies through the State Clearinghouse.

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