

NEGATIVE DECLARATION / FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

HIGHWAY 101 WIDENING & SOUND WALL CONSTRUCTION
IN SONOMA COUNTY
FROM THE WILFRED AVENUE INTERCHANGE
TO THE ROUTE OF 101/12 SEPARATION

SCH NO. 1998102056

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



PURSUANT TO: 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)



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Preface

This is the second volume of the Sonoma 101 Widening and Soundwall Construction (Wilfred to Route 12) Final Negative Declaration (ND) and Final Environmental Assessment (EA).

Volumes I and II were prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), acting as joint lead agencies. This Final ND/EA evaluates the potential impacts of the addition of a new lane in each direction within the existing median, auxiliary lanes, soundwalls, ramp widenings and the modification of intersections at ramp termini on Route 101 in Sonoma County.

The Draft IS/EA was circulated for public and agency comments from October 19 to November 28, 1998 and an Open House public hearing was held in Santa Rosa on November 18, 1998.

Volume I provides information regarding the purpose and need for the project, and identifies the preferred project alternative. It also describes the alternatives evaluated and withdrawn, the environmental impacts that can be expected if the project is implemented, and proposed mitigation measures to reduce these environmental effects.

Volume II contains **Section 12: Public Participation**

12.0 Public Participation

Public Review Period

Section 12 contains copies of all comments received on the Draft ND IS/EA. Comments were received from Federal, State, regional, and local agencies, as well as private groups, organizations, and individuals for the proposed project. Immediately following each comment is a response to the comment.

The comment list provides a roster of all responses included in this document. Each piece of correspondence has been numbered sequentially and reflects the manner in which Caltrans received the correspondence. **Numbers 1 through 10 include comment cards received at the open house** for the ND IS/EA which were filled out by individuals at the open house. **Numbers 11 through 23 are oral testimonies** made by the public recorded by a court reporter. At the Open House, **Numbers 24 through 40 include letters mailed** via the United States Post Office or emailed to Caltrans commenting on the ND IS/EA.

Statements and questions contained in the responses received also have been indexed sequentially. Therefore, each comment can be referred to by a two character code; i.e. - Comment 9-a refers to the first statement or question from response number 9.

An index is included on page 4 of **Section 12** that provides a listing of all responses received sorted alphabetically by agency type/citizen name.

Several protocols used in formulating responses to comments should be noted. Where detailed responses are presented in the Final ND/Final EA, reference is made to the specific text section. Where the response is identical or very similar to a response to another correspondent, reference is made to this response and comment number. This may require the reader to skim back and forth among several responses and the Final ND/Final EA text. However, this is the most efficient means of responding to the numerous comments while minimizing the amount of repetition.

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Soundwall Meeting

Additionally, an Open House Public Information Soundwall Meeting was held on April 14, 1999 in Santa Rosa to give the affected property owners the opportunity to express their views and discuss the soundwall proposals. Maps and exhibits showing the location, details, materials, colors and styles of the soundwalls were on display at the meeting. Caltrans staff were also on hand to answer questions and discuss comments.

With few exceptions, the affected property owners were largely in favor of the proposed soundwalls.

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COMMENT LIST

NUMBER	COMMENTER
1	David Barnett - Concerned Residents of Santa Rosa Avenue
2	Sky Chaney
3	Dennis Christensen - Accurate Fork Lift
4	Cheryl Cook
5	Donna Hopkins
6	Toni Hopkins
7	S.C. McCown
8	William Nilsen
9	Paul Ogasawara
10	Ed Sisneros - Iron Village
11	David Barnett
12	Paul Ogasawara
13	R.E. Monty Montague
14	Jim Groom
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19	Kirk Veale
20	Laura Hall
21	Dennis Christensen
22	Ed Sisneros
23	Carl Schollmann
24	Dennis Christensen
25	Tom Jackson - Veal Investment Properties
26	Ed Baker City of Santa Rosa Department of Public Works
27	Tom Jackson - Committee for a Better Santa Rosa (Nov 24/Oct 12)
28	Tim Smith - Sonoma County - Third District Supervisor
29	Barbara Cook Department of Toxic Substances Control
30	Morris Torres
31	Jerome Kuykendall - Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District
32	Jim Groom - Jim Groom Investments
33	Steve Shinn - Outdoor Systems
34	Tom Jackson - Veale Investment Properties
35	Enid Wilson
36	Alan Spivak
37	Doug Salzman et. al
38	Richard Gaines
39	Scott Gergus - California Regional Water Quality Control Board
40	Michael Christian Kurty
	Antero A. Rivasplata - Governor's Office of Planning and Research

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The number below corresponds to the number of the response, alphabetized by last name and organized by affiliation.

STATE AGENCIES

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REGIONAL AGENCIES

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Harry Friedman			15
Richard Gaines		38	
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Jim Groom <i>(Jim Groom Investments)</i>		<u>32</u>	14
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