

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: July 13-14, 2005

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Action Item

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Ref: **SUMMARY – NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 50 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY – ADD HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENTS IN SACRAMENTO AND SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

ISSUE:

The California Transportation Commission is being asked to review and comment at the July 2005 Commission meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

- 03-Sac-50, KP L1.4/20.6 (PM L0.9/12.8). Add High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and make community enhancements in Sacramento and Sacramento County.

PROGRAMMING:

This project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program for \$2,500,000 in Regional Improvement Program funds and \$2,500,000 in Interregional Improvement Program funds for the Project Approval/Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. The project has been identified for Local Measure funds. The total estimated project cost is \$140,000,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2008-09.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

- Alternative 5B – Construct HOV lanes with eastbound drop ramp at 10th Street and westbound drop ramp at 16th Street.
- Alternative 6B – Construct HOV lanes with eastbound drop ramp at 10th Street and westbound drop ramp at 21st Street.
- Alternative 7B – Construct HOV lanes with eastbound drop ramp at 21st Street and westbound drop ramp at Riverside Boulevard.
- Alternative 10D – Construct HOV lanes in the median without drop ramps.
- No Build.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

- Air quality
- Biological resources (Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, purple martins, bats, oaks)
- Community resources, neighborhoods
- Cultural resources
- Hazardous materials
- Noise
- Visual resources
- Water quality

Due to the anticipated public controversy pertaining to environmental issues, and the likelihood that not all impacts can be mitigated to non-significance, this project requires an Environmental Impact Report.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Follow all rules, regulations, ordinances, and laws related to reducing air emissions.
- Construct during non-nesting periods.
- Use barriers to prevent nesting and roosting.
- Replace removed vegetation.
- Mitigate for loss of oaks.
- Keep the public and agencies informed about project and environmental progress.
- Remove and properly dispose of identified hazardous waste/materials.
- Provide soundwalls at various locations (to be determined by noise analysis).
- Use consistent soundwall design.

Attachment

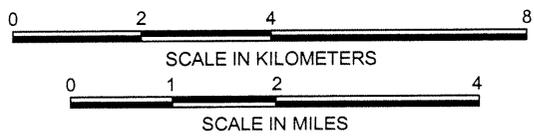
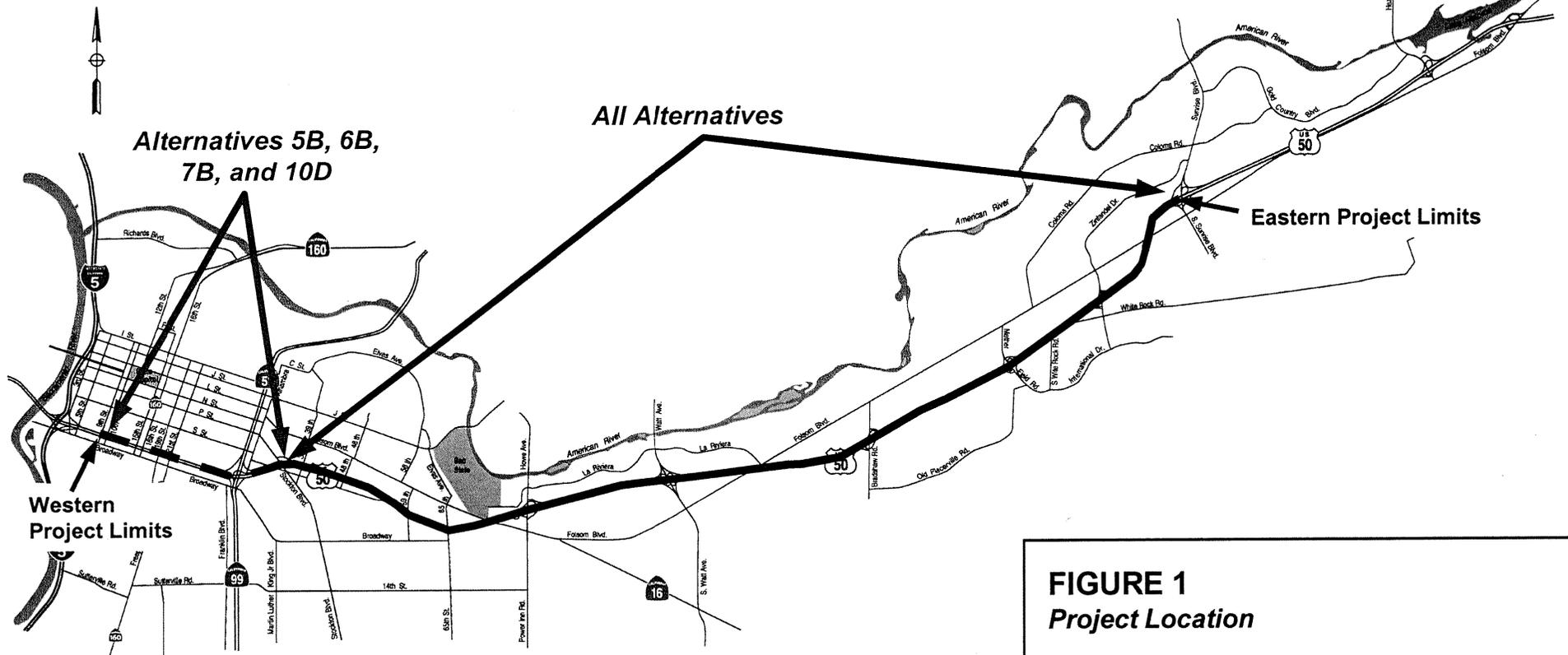
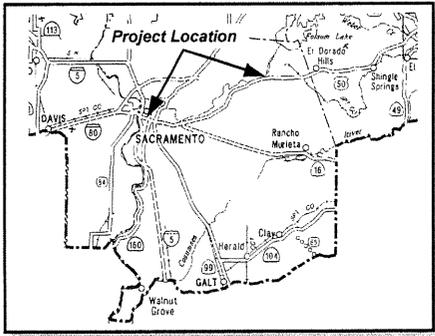


FIGURE 1
Project Location

03-Sac-50
US 50 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes
and Community Enhancements Project
KP L1.4 / 20.6 (PM L0.9 / 12.8)
EA 03-44161

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