

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO COMPLETE STREETS FACILITIES (PROJECT DELIVERY)

DISTRICT 3 EA 03-2J220 SHOPP ID 21261
COUNTY: SIERRA ROUTE: 89
PROJECT POSTMILES: 0.0/15.2 PHASE: PA&ED (ENVIRONMENTAL)
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Complete Streets Scope Change:

The primary purpose of this Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) project is to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement and prevent further deterioration, to extend operational life of the drainage systems, and to improve safety features. The project scope is focused on improvements to a rural section of highway but includes a short section adjacent to Sierraville Main Street. This project proposed replacing sidewalks that do not meet current standards on the southbound side of State Route 89 within Sierraville. This project will no longer include the proposed sidewalk replacement.

Justification:

After the sidewalks were proposed for the project, the PDT discovered that constructing them would require the relocation of overhead utilities, the conversion of the existing open ditch drainage system to an underground system, and the widening of the roadway which would require additional right of way. The updated cost analysis for the proposed complete streets improvements resulted in almost doubling the total project cost due to utility relocation fees and extensive hardening of the drainage infrastructure. Given the current constraints on the State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) allocation capacity, a request for additional funds would delay the project to an unknown future date. The district has elected to proceed with the planned paving improvements and propose a separate project for the sidewalk work. A new Complete Streets project (03-2N400) has been proposed for a future delivery year that will include the originally intended scope and program adequate funding.