



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Availability of Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, and Notice of Open Forum Hearing

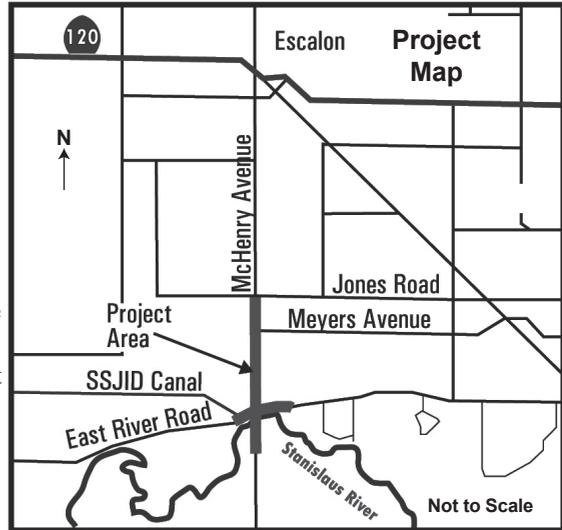
McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project

WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: **Wednesday, March 27, 2013**
 Time: **6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
 Place: Escalon Community Center
 1055 Escalon Avenue
 Escalon, CA 95320

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency in the preparation of an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The County of San Joaquin is designated as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in cooperation with Stanislaus County.



The McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project is an aggregate of three component projects:

- Widening of McHenry Avenue to accommodate a two-way center left-turn lane from just south of Jones Road to south of the Stanislaus River, and improvement of the McHenry Avenue/East River Road intersection. The project limits extend along McHenry Avenue from approximately 200 feet south of Jones Road in San Joaquin County to approximately 1,700 feet south of East River Road in Stanislaus County. The project limits also extend along East River Road in San Joaquin County from approximately 1,300 feet east of McHenry Avenue to approximately 700 feet west of McHenry Avenue.
- Replacement and widening of the Stanislaus River Bridge (No. 38C-0032) on McHenry Avenue to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements.
- Replacement and widening of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Main Canal Bridge (No. 29C-0166) on McHenry Avenue to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans, San Joaquin County, and Stanislaus County have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the IS/EA and its availability for you to read and comment on during a review period beginning between March 11, 2013, and ending April 9, 2013. Due to the time limits mandated by federal and state law, your response must be received no later than April 9, 2013.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

You can look at the IS/EA at the Caltrans District 10 Office, 1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Copies of the IS/EA are also available to review at the following locations:

San Joaquin County Public Works, 1810 East Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205
 Hours: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Stanislaus County Public Works, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358
 Hours: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Escalon Branch Library, 1540 Second Street, Escalon, CA 95320
 Hours: Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.;
 Friday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Or visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental>

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will become part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the IS/EA, you may submit your written comments at the Open Forum Hearing on March 27, 2013, which has been scheduled to give you an opportunity to talk about the improvements and IS/EA with the project development team.

CONTACT US

You also may comment until 5:00 p.m., April 9, 2013, to Caltrans by regular mail, Attn: Julie Myrah, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans, District 10, 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205; or via e-mail to julie_myrah@dot.ca.gov. Also, a court reporter will be at the Open Forum Hearing, if you wish to dictate your comments.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (documentation in alternate formats, etc.), please contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled open house date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or 711.

