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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 21, 2014

Reference No.: 2.2a.
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

The California Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, review and comment at the May 2014, Commission meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

ISSUE:

- 04-Ala-84, PM 13.3/13.4. State Route 84 (SR 84) in Alameda County. Replace existing bridge on SR 84 in the city of Fremont. (PPNO 0084B)

PROGRAMMING:

This project in Alameda County will replace the Alameda Creek Bridge on SR 84 in the city of Fremont. The project is programmed in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The total estimated cost is \$47,074,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2014-15. The scope, as described for the preferred alternative, is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2014 State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

Alternatives for the project include:

Alternative 1 – This alternative would construct a 410-foot-long bridge, a 1,050-foot long retaining wall, a 900-foot-long soil nail wall, and a new alignment of SR 84 with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders in each direction.

Alternative 2 – This alternative would be similar to alternative 1 with the addition of a 900-foot-long Type 5 retaining wall north of SR 84.

Alternative 3A – This alternative would construct a 1600-foot-long bridge, raise the roadway 15 feet west of the bridge, and realign the roadway east of the bridge with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders in each direction.

Alternative 3B – This alternative would construct a 450-foot-long bridge, a 200-foot-long soil-nail wall, raise the roadway 15 feet west of the bridge, and realign the roadway east of the bridge with 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders in each direction.

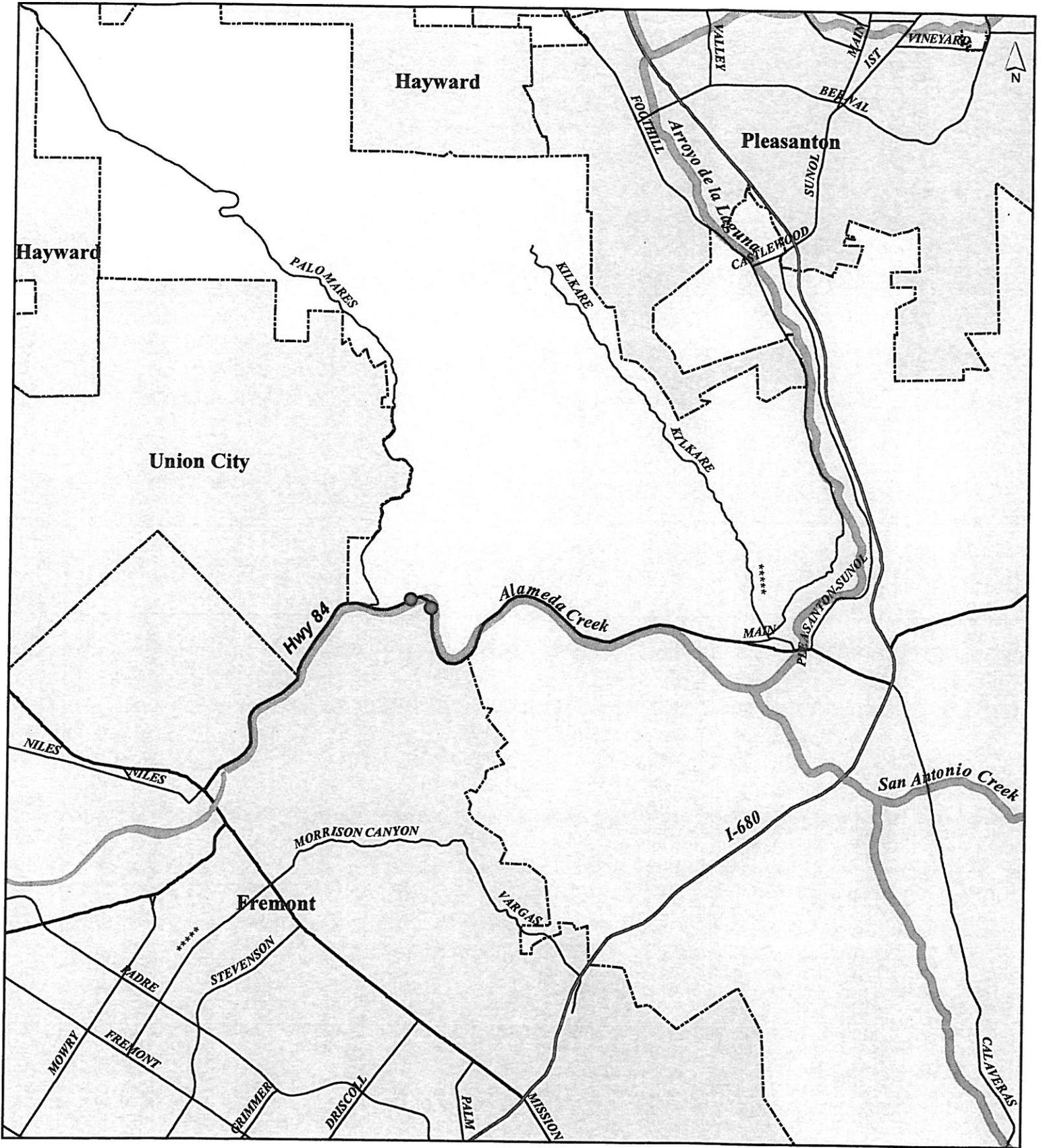
POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

- Biological
- Historic Structures
- Visual

Based on the potential for significant impacts to the areas listed above, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for the project.

Attachments

Alameda Bridge Replacement Project



- Project Post Miles
- Roads
- City Boundaries
- Streams



February 18, 2014

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: _____
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Agency)

From: California Dept. of Transportation, District 4

111 Grand Avenue, MS 8B

Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**
Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Project Title: Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Project Location: Alameda County

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to correct Alameda Creek Bridge deficiencies and increase the safety of the traveling public by replacing the existing bridge over Alameda Creek with a new bridge structure.

This is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A more detailed project description, location map, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

A copy of the Initial Study (is) (is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please direct your response to Stefan Galvez-Abadia, Office Chief Telephone 510.286.5506 at the address shown above. Please supply us with the name for a contact person in your agency.

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Memorandum

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CTC Meeting: May 21, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2a. (1)
Action

From: ANDRE BOUTROS
Executive Director

Subject: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE STATE ROUTE (SR) 84 ALAMEDA CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

ISSUE:

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, provide comments in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared for the SR 84 Alameda Creek Bridge Replacement Project?

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission make no comments regarding the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR for this project; however Staff recommends that a letter be sent to the Department that states the following:

- The Commission has no comments with respect to the project's purpose and need, the alternatives to be studied, the impacts to be evaluated, and the evaluation methods used.
- The Commission recommends that the Department and its partners identify and secure the necessary funding to complete the project.
- If, in the future, funds or other actions under the purview of the Commission are anticipated, notification should be provided to the Commission as a Responsible Agency.

BACKGROUND:

The Department is the designated CEQA Lead Agency responsible for the environmental review of these projects. For project summary information, please see the Department's memorandum included as agenda item 2.2a. (1).