


**North County Corridor
Transportation Expressway Authority**
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DATE: March 13, 2014

TO: Board of Directors, Ex-Officio Members, Technical Advisory Committee

cc: City Councils, Board of Supervisors, County CEO's Office, City Managers

FROM:  Colt Esenwein, NCC Project Manager

SUBJECT: March 19, 2014 Meeting Cancellation and Status Report

At this time there is no action needed to be taken by the North County Transportation Expressway Authority (NCC TEA) Board, and there is a competing event at StanCOG at 5:00 p.m. on the same day (March 19th) as was the scheduled NCC TEA Board Meeting so we have canceled this meeting. We have made progress on the project and have held a couple field meetings. Please allow me to give an update on this work.

Since the last NCC TEA Board meeting on January 15, 2014, the team conducted additional outreach with the agency partners, stakeholders and the public. Through this outreach it was determined that an interchange and connection to the North County Corridor at the Roselle Road crossing would be in the best interest of the project.

The preliminary traffic operations analysis supported this connection and also indicated that roundabouts at the eastern connection to State Route 120 and immediate intersection to the west of the State Route 120 connection may be the preferred method to control these intersections.

These preliminary findings will need to be verified during the detailed traffic operations analysis which is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed in July.

Environmental field work for both the biological and cultural technical studies are underway with the exception of the California Tiger Salamander surveys which will occur when there is an adequate wet season as determined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

A meeting with the USFWS and the California Fish and Wildlife Service (CAFWS) was held on January 23rd to discuss their specific requirements and to ensure that the NCC project meets their protocol requirements given the abnormal lack of rainfall the past few seasons. A contingency plan to move forward with the environmental document in the event of a continued drought was proposed to the agencies.

It is anticipated that all other environmental technical studies will be completed and submitted to Caltrans in July 2014 and the delay in conducting protocol surveys will not affect the interim milestone of delivering an Administrative Draft Environmental Document to Caltrans in October 2014.

The updated alignments with proposed access roads were presented to the Community Focus Group on February 6th in Riverbank and a public information meeting was held on March 6th at the Riverbank Community Center and was attended by more than 200 people. The updated alignments and detailed exhibits were presented to the public, and there was good participation and excellent feedback received at the meeting.

All of the materials presented at the public meeting are now available on the Stanislaus County's website at <http://www.stancounty.com/publicworks> in the menu under North County Corridor → March 6, 2014 Public Meeting.

The information received at the public meeting is being compiled, including answers to comment cards received and will be posted on both the County's and Caltrans' web pages in the next few weeks. Some property owners requested follow up meetings to discuss their concerns and staff is working to schedule these meetings.

The following key milestones are anticipated for the project:

- October 2014 – Submit Administrative Draft Environmental Document to Caltrans
- May 2015 – Public Circulation of Draft Environmental Document
- May 2015 – Public Hearing for Draft Environmental Document
- January 2016 – Public Availability of Final Environmental Document
- July 2016 – Final Approval of Environmental Document

If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 525-4184.



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MEETING IS CANCELED

NEXT MEETING

MAY 14, 2014 (WEDNESDAY) AT 4:30 P.M.

TENTH STREET PLACE

BOARD CHAMBERS (BASEMENT)

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