

## **North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Corridor Project Update – June 2017**

This report is to update the JPA Board on the release date for the Draft Environmental Document and public hearing for the North County Corridor project.

As reported to the Board in May, team is working through the Caltrans review process and is in the final stages of review. A detailed chronology of last month's review activities is as follows:

- April 17, 2017 – Revised draft EIR/EIS submitted to District
- April 18, 2017 – District forwarded revised draft EIR/EIS to HQ/Legal to begin 10 day review period
- May 5, 2017 - District received comments back from HQ/Legal and began compiling comments and addressing minor comments
- May 12, 2017 - District sent revised document to consultant team with request to address biological comments and submit response to comments back to District for review prior to reproducing submittal package
- May 18, 2017 - Consultant team completed biological edits and response to comments and submitted to District for review
- May 19, 2017 - District approved response to comments and requested consultant team prepare copies and send the draft EIR/EIS submittal package back to District
- May 23, 2017 - District received the revised draft EIR/EIS submittal package
- May 24, 2017 - District sent revised draft EIR/EIS submittal package to HQ/Legal
- June 9, 2017 - HQ/Legal deadline to either provide approval for signatures or additional comments on draft EIR/EIS

As of June 2, Caltrans HQ and Legal are 5 days into their 10 day review period. The comments received from HQ/Legal on May 5<sup>th</sup> were relatively few and minor in nature. As such, the team is anticipating approval soon from HQ/Legal to move to the next step and obtain final signatures on the draft EIR/EIS and release the document to the public. The team is continuing to work on preparing for the public hearing/open house and will schedule a date once the document has been approved for final signatures.