

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of a NEPA Environmental Assessment for the Capital SouthEast Connector - A1/A2 Kammerer Road Project

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Department), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the City of Elk Grove (City) and Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (Connector JPA), has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the Capital SouthEast Connector – A1/A2 Kammerer Road Project (Project) located in Sacramento County, California. The Project proposes to improve Kammerer Road between the Interstate 5 (I-5)/Hood Franklin Road Interchange and the State Route 99 (SR-99)/Kammerer Road/Grant Line Road Interchange.

A new four-lane expressway will be constructed between I-5 and Bruceville Road and the existing Kammerer Road will be improved to a four-lane thoroughfare between Bruceville Road and SR-99. The expressway will require a grade-separated crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad. Both the expressway and the thoroughfare will include a Class I bidirectional Multi-Use Path. Additional Project features will include utility relocation, drainage improvements, signalized intersections, and frontage roads. Dependent upon funding, the implementing agency may construct all or part of this Project. Should construction phasing of the Project be necessary, initial construction may consist of a two-lane facility; however, other construction phasing may be considered. The City and Connector JPA are proposing to use funds from FHWA for this local roadway Project.

The Project proposes to improve mobility, access, and connections between residential and nonresidential land use, which have been limited due to increasing congestion. The Project is intended to link employment centers and residential areas in the transportation corridor and contribute to the remedy for current and future deficiencies in transportation capacity and land use compatibility. The Project is also intended to improve regional traffic operations, reduce existing and projected congestion, and provide a vital component of the east-west gap closure.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The Department, in cooperation with the City and Connector JPA, has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. The “Environmental Assessment” (EA) describes why the Project is being proposed, what alternatives we have considered for the Project, how the existing environment could be affected by the Project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures. This Public Notice is to inform you that these documents are available for you to review and comment.

The proposed work may have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Caltrans is evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the property(ies) or, if not, if adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the Department, as assigned by the FHWA, and in cooperation with the City and Connector JPA, may: (1) give environmental approval to the Project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, (3) abandon the Project, or (4) modify the Project based on comments received. If the Project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the Department and/or the implementing public agencies could design and construct all or part of the Project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the Environmental Assessment will be available for review starting on Monday, February 27, 2023 at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 3, 703 B St, Marysville, CA 95901
- City of Elk Grove Public Works Department (2nd Floor), City Hall; 4801 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758

An electronic copy can be viewed at <https://www.elkgrovecity.org/public-works/environmental-review-and-documents-public-works>.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about the Project? Any comments on the findings of the studies as set forth in the EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project? Please submit your written comments no later than March 30, 2023 to Cara Lambirth, Branch Chief, Caltrans District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 or email them to cara.lambirth@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT / SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

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