

**PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
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General Information about This Document

What's in this document?

This document is an Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report (EA/Draft EIR) which examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project located on State Route 275 over the Sacramento River in the City of Sacramento and the City of West Sacramento. This document describes why the project is being proposed, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, and the potential impacts of the proposed project.

What happened before this?

In January 2004, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) prepared an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EA/EIR and circulated the document for public review. The Initial Study identified the following issues to be addressed in detail in the EA/EIR:

- Cultural resources
- Alternatives to the proposed project
- Cumulative impacts to cultural resources
- Section 4(f) resources

Comments on the Initial Study were received from various members of the public and reviewing agencies. Caltrans has reviewed the comments and prepared this document to address the issues identified in the Initial Study as well as respond to the comments received from the public and agencies.

What should you do?

- Please read this Environmental Assessment/Draft EIR.
- We welcome your comments. If you have any concerns regarding the proposed project, please send your written comments to Caltrans, Attn: Karen McWilliams, Office of Environmental Management, 2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Mail Stop 15, Sacramento, California, 95833 or via email at karen_mcwilliams@dot.ca.gov.
- Please submit comments by the deadline: Monday, August 9, 2004

What happens after this?

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, Caltrans will prepare a Final EIR which will be made available for public review. After preparation of the Final EIR, Caltrans may (1) approve the environmental document for the proposed project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. After circulation of the environmental document and review of comments, FHWA may prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or decide that additional environmental analysis is required and prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). If the project is approved and funding is appropriated, Caltrans may design and construct all or part of the proposed project.

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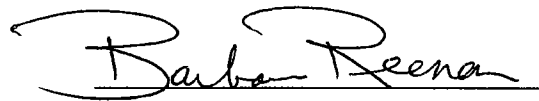
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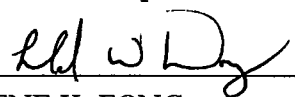

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
amsl	above mean sea level
APE	area of potential effects
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHRIS	California Historical Resources Information System
Cities	Cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
Corps	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CWA	Clean Water Act
Delta	Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
DFG	California Department of Fish and Game
DRPB	City of Sacramento Design Review and Preservation Board
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
ft	foot/feet
HAER	Historic American Engineering Record
ITE	Institute of Transportation Engineers
km	kilometer/kilometers
m	meter/meters
mi	mile/miles
mm	millimeter/millimeters
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
NAHC	Native American Heritage Commission
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHLA	National Historic Landmark District

NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service (see also NOAA Fisheries)
NOAA Fisheries	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (formerly known as National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS])
NOP	Notice of Preparation
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
OHP	State Office of Historic Preservation
PAR	PAR Environmental Services, Inc.
PDT	project development team
PUC	California Public Utilities Commission
ROW	right-of-way
RT	Sacramento Regional Transit
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SABA	Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
SACBAC	Sacramento City/County Bicycle Advisory Committee
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SHBSB	State Historical Building Safety Board
SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SIP	State Implementation Program
SLC	State Lands Commission
SMUD	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
SOCA	Sacramento Old City Association
Standards	The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TCSP	Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program
TEA	Transportation Enhancement Activities
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service