

Chapter 4 Comments and Coordination

Early and continuing coordination with the general public and appropriate public agencies is an essential part of the environmental process to determine the scope of environmental documentation, the level of analysis, potential impacts and mitigation measures, and related environmental requirements. Agency consultation and public participation for this project have been accomplished through a variety of formal and informal methods, including project development team meetings and scoping meetings. This chapter summarizes the results of Caltrans' efforts to fully identify, address, and resolve project-related issues through early and continuing coordination.

4.1 Responsible Agencies Under CEQA

Because of their jurisdiction by law, the following state agencies or officers will issue permits or approval for the project:

- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG).
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB).

4.2 Trustee Agencies under CEQA

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and CDFG are also considered Trustee Agencies (CEQA Guidelines Section 15386) because both departments have jurisdiction by law over resources that could be affected by the project that are held in trust for the people of the State of California.

4.3 Other Jurisdictional Agencies

Although not Responsible or Trustee agencies under CEQA, the following federal agencies are considered jurisdictional agencies because they will issue permits or approvals for the project:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

4.4 Notice of Preparation

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was sent to the State Clearinghouse on February 20, 2008. A public notice of the availability of the Notice of Preparation was published in the Sacramento Bee on March 10, 2008. The NOP was also distributed directly to approximately 51 local,

state, and federal agencies and elected officials; tribal representatives; neighborhood and community groups; and other organizations. The NOP contained information regarding the planned open house/scoping meetings.

The following agencies responded in writing to the NOP. Their letters are included in Appendix I.

Table 41 Comments Received on the Notice of Preparation

Agency	Date	Issues/Concerns
California Department of Water Resources, Floodplain Protection Section	March 24,2008	Noted that project may be an encroachment on the State Adopted Plan of Flood Control and provided information on process for obtaining an encroachment permit.
Sacramento Fire Department	March 24, 2008	Provide the Fire Department with advance notice of possible street impacts

4.5 Public Outreach

One Open House/Scoping Meeting was held following the publication of the NOP on March 13, 2008 at the Caltrans District 3 Office located at 2800 Gateway Oaks Drive in Sacramento, CA. The purpose of the open house/scoping meeting was to inform the public, local officials, and all interested parties of the current status of the project. The format of the public open house was informal, and this format was chosen to facilitate communications between the public and Caltrans. Maps, exhibits, and graphic displays were set up around the room, with Caltrans representatives available to answer questions. Attendees were encouraged to submit written comments on cards that were provided for this purpose. Approximately 50 people attended the open house, with 16 people providing comments. The comments were generally in favor of the project. Below is a table summarizing the comments.

Table 42 Summary of Comments on Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting

Supports project.
Supports Alternative 1C, suggests improving pedestrian safety at West El Camino and I-5 and Del Paso and I-5.
Concern about commute during construction.
Would like to see through traffic diverted from downtown.
Operational suggestion regarding the I-5/Garden Hwy on-ramp.
Would like to see visual simulations of the HOV connectors.
Supportive of project.
Would like to see a bike overcrossing over I-80, west of I-5 during construction.
Supportive of carpool/bus lanes.
Would like to see the website.
Would like to see the website.
Suggests expanding the on-off-ramps at I-80 and West El Camino.
Would like to improve the sound barrier.
Would like to have more information on the project.
Questions about project scope.
Concern about the visual impacts and glare from freeway lighting.

Caltrans also conducted an informal meeting with the Natomas Community Association on July 22, 2009. The concerns voiced at this meeting were largely focused on noise generated by traffic on new structures; the lane reduction at Northgate Boulevard, and protection for pedestrians and bicyclists on the San Juan Road Bridge.



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