

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 5, 2013

Reference No.: 2.2a. (1)  
Action

From: BIMLA G. RHINEHART  
Executive Director

Subject: **NOTICES OF PREPARATION – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS FOR THE INTERSTATE 80 (I-80)/STATE ROUTE (SR) 65 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE INTERSTATE 10 (I-10) CORRIDOR PROJECT**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, provide comments in response to the Notices of Preparation (NOPs) that Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) will be prepared for the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project and the I-10 Corridor Project?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission make no comments regarding the environmental issues to be addressed in the EIRs for these projects; however Staff recommends that letters be sent to the Department that state the following:

For the I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project:

- The Commission has no comments with respect to the project's purpose and need, the alternatives to be studied, the impacts to be evaluated, and the evaluation methods used.
- The Commission recommends that the Department and its partners identify and secure the necessary funding to complete the project.
- If, in the future, funds or other actions under the purview of the Commission are anticipated, notification should be provided to the Commission as a Responsible Agency.

For the I-10 Corridor Project:

- The Commission has no comments with respect to the project's purpose and need, the alternatives to be studied, the impacts to be evaluated, and the evaluation methods used.
- As the project is programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program and actions under the purview of the Commission are anticipated, notification should be provided to the Commission as a Responsible Agency.

**BACKGROUND:****I-80/SR 65 Interchange Improvements Project (03-PLA, PM 1.9/6.1, 03-PLA-65 PM R4.8/R7.3)**

The Department is the designated lead agency overseeing the environmental review for this project. The proposed project would add High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and high speed connections at the I-80/SR 65 Interchange in Placer County. Three build alternatives, a transportation demand management alternative and a no-build alternative are proposed for consideration in the EIR. The project is funded through the environmental phase with state and federal funds; however, the project is not fully funded through construction.

**I-10 Corridor Project (08-SBD-10, PM 46.12/33.8)**

The Department is the designated lead agency overseeing the environmental review for this project. The proposed project would improve and widen a 24 mile segment of I-10 from two miles west of the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line in the City of Pomona to Ford Street in the City of Redlands. Two build alternatives and a no-build alternative are proposed for consideration in the EIR. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program and is funded through construction with a combination of state, federal, and local funds.

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**Subject:** NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a responsible agency, review and comment at the March 2013 Commission meeting on the following Notices of Preparation (NOPs):

## ISSUE:

- 08-SBd-10, PM 46.12/33.80. United States Interstate 10 (US-10) in San Bernardino County. Construct roadway improvements along a portion US-10 in the cities of Pomona and Redlands.

## PROGRAMMING:

The proposed project would improve and widen a 24-mile segment of Interstate 10 from two miles west of the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County Line in the city of Pomona to Ford Street in the city of Redlands. The project is programmed in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. The total estimated cost is \$539,817,000. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2019-20. The scope is consistent with the project scope programmed by the Commission in the 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program.

## ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

Alternatives for the project include:

Alternative 1 – No-build

Alternative 2 – One High Occupancy Vehicle Lane in each direction.

Alternative 3 – Two Express Lanes in each direction.

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Waters of the United States

Based on the potential for significant impacts to the areas listed above, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for the project.

Attachment 1

**ISSUE:**

- 03-Pla-65, PM R4.8/R7.3, 03-Pla-80, PM 1.9/6.1. State Route 65 (SR-65) and United States Interstate 80 (US-80) in Placer County. Roadway improvements on existing interchange on US-80 and SR-65 in the city of Roseville.

**PROGRAMMING:**

The proposed project would add High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and high-speed connections at the Interstate 80/State Route 65 Interchange in Placer County. The project is not fully funded; however, the project is fully funded through the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase with federal and local funds. The total estimated cost is \$340,000,000 for capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2019-20, depending on the availability of funds

**ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives for the project include:

Alternative 1 – Taylor Road Full Access Interchange (Diamond-Shaped).

Alternative 2 – Taylor Road Full Access Interchange (Trumpet-Shaped).

Alternative 3- Taylor Road Interchange Eliminated.

Alternative 4 – Transportation System Management.

Alternative 5 – No-Build (No-Project).

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

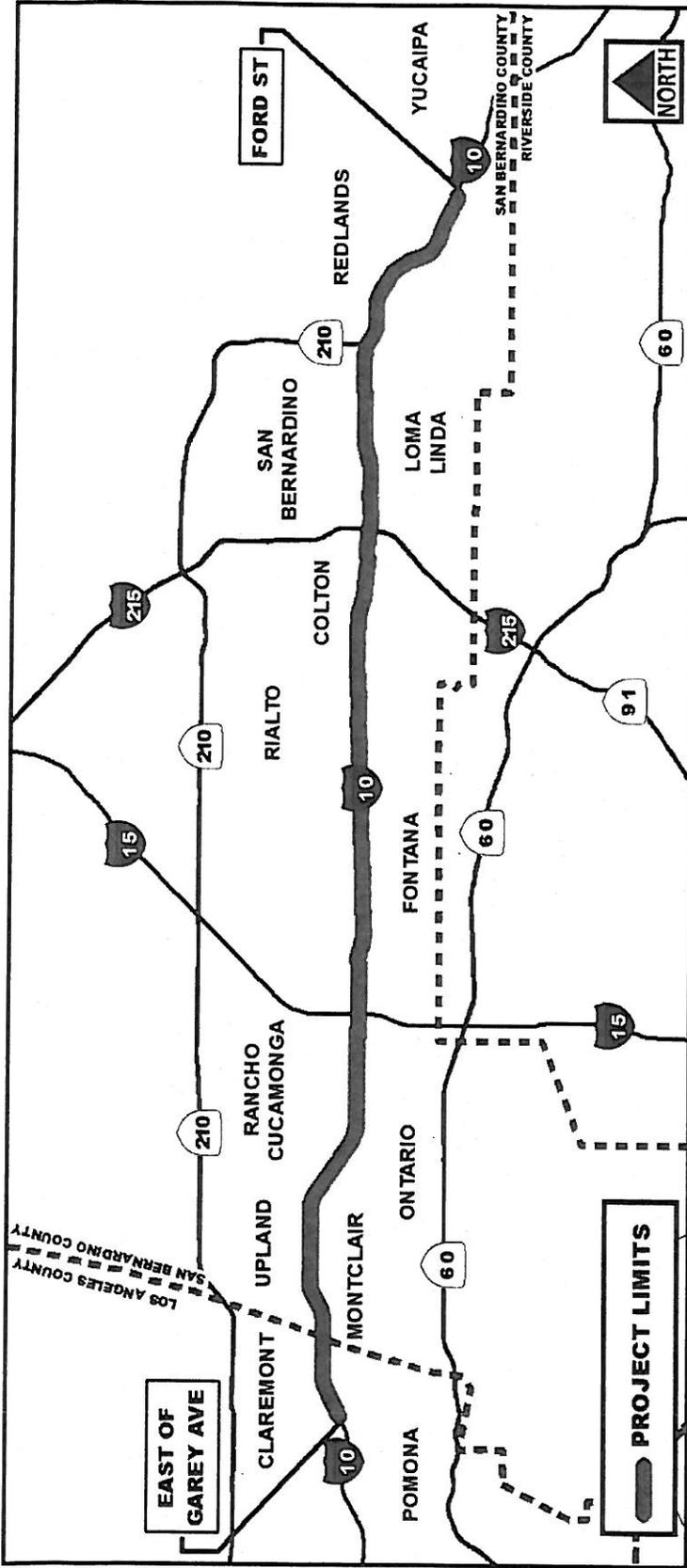
- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazardous Materials/Waste
- Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems

Based on the potential for significant impacts to the areas listed above, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for the project.

Attachment 2

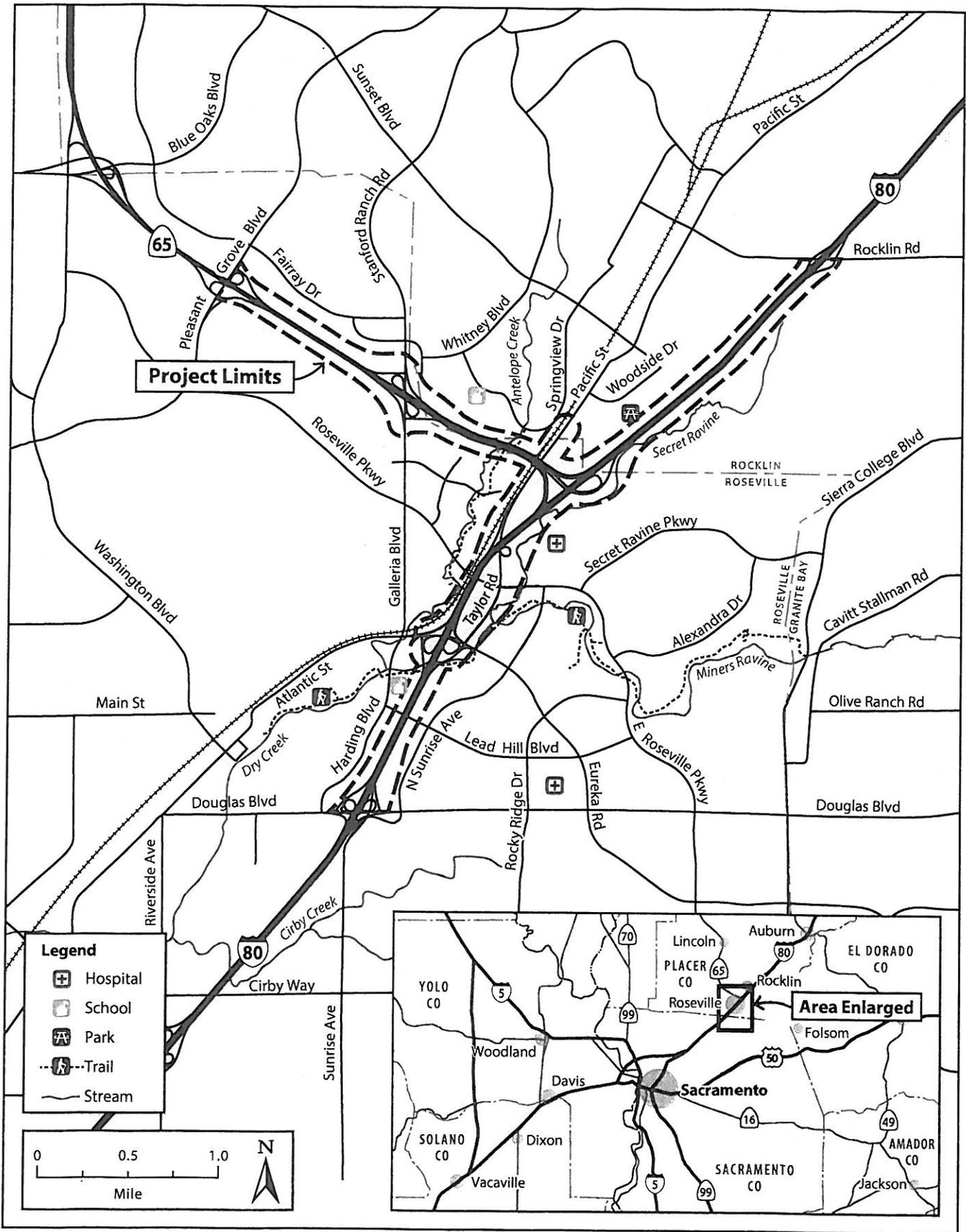
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## PROJECT LOCATION MAP



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# ATTACHMENT 2



Project Location