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Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan  
Notice of Preparation for the Draft Environmental Impact Report  
SCH # 2008102034

Mr. David Morrison  
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Dear Mr. Morrison,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the comprehensive update of all elements of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan. Our comments are as follows:

This update to all elements of the Yolo County 2030 Countywide General Plan could impact the State Highway System (SHS) in Yolo County.

- Please use Caltrans' "Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies" (TIS Guidelines) when impacts are identified and mitigations are proposed to the SHS. The guide can be found on Caltrans' website at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/operationalsystems/reports/tis/guide.pdf>.

The TIS should include I-5, I-505, I-80, State Route (SR) 16, SR 45, SR 84, SR 113, and SR 128. The TIS should use a Select Zone Analysis to identify trip distribution of the proposed project on the SHS. Caltrans requests the opportunity to review the scope of the traffic analysis prior to the start of the study.

- Caltrans requests a meeting with the County to discuss the anticipated

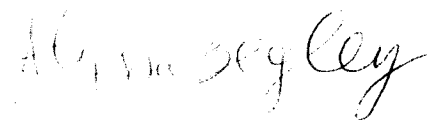
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development, such as the Dunnigan, Madison, Elkhorn and Spreckles areas, and the potential impacts to the SHS. Of particular interest is the residential dwelling growth in Madison and Dunnigan, and the jobs-housing balance within the growth areas.

- Mitigation measures should be identified where the project results in a significant impact. Caltrans considers the following to be significant impacts:
  - Project impacts that cause a highway or intersection LOS to deteriorate beyond LOS E.
  - If LOS is already E or F, then a quantitative measure of increased queue lengths and delay should be used to determine appropriate mitigation measures.
- Feasible mitigation measures are available if significant impacts to the SHS are identified. Potential mitigation measures could include fair-share funding for interchange reconstruction, auxiliary lanes, bus-carpool lanes, mainline improvements, transit improvements, or other off-highway projects that reduce the impact to less than significant.
- Many jurisdictions within the region are developing sub-regional fee programs to help fund transit, highway, and local road improvements to improve mobility within particular transportation corridors. We would like to work with Yolo County to determine if a fee program is appropriate for the growth areas.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with Yolo County to maintain mobility within Yolo County. Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding the General Plan update. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact La Nae Van Valen at (916) 274-0637.

Sincerely,



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cc: State Clearinghouse