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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) of a
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
to the
U.S. Highway 50/Missouri Flat Road Interchange EIR (SCH #1998092077)
to include the
US 50/WEBER CREEK BRIDGE BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN FACILITY PROJECT**

DATE: May 20, 2009
TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals
FROM: El Dorado County Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT), as CEQA Lead Agency, is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the US Highway 50/Missouri Flat Road Interchange EIR, limited to expand the scope to include the proposed **US Highway 50/Weber Creek Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility Project**.

The U.S. Highway 50/Missouri Flat Road Interchange (Interchange) EIR was certified by the Board of Supervisors on August 31, 2004. In response to comments on the Interchange Draft EIR regarding the need for pedestrian and non-motorized access across Weber Creek between Forni and Missouri Flat Roads, the Board directed staff to pursue funding for said project with Phase I of the Interchange. Funding has recently been obtained through the award of a Transportation Enhancement Grant (TE) for completion of this project.

DOT is soliciting the views of interested persons and agencies on the scope and content of the information to be included in the SEIR in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15163. Responsible Agencies, as defined by CEQA Guidelines, Section 15381, if any, will need to use the SEIR when considering permits or other approvals for the proposed Project.

The 30-day NOP review and comment period begins May 22, 2009 and ends June 22, 2009. All written comments should be directed to: El Dorado County DOT, Attention: Ms. Janet Postlewait, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95666 or at jpostlewait@co.el-dorado.ca.us.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located along the east bound portion of US Highway 50 between Missouri Flat and Forni Roads. This portion of Forni Road is located within the Limits of the City of Placerville.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is to construct a two way bicycle/pedestrian facility from Missouri Flat Road to Forni Road along the east bound portion of US Highway 50. The proposed project will require widening of the Eastbound US50 highway and bridge over Weber Creek to accommodate this facility.

The SEIR will contain only information necessary to make the previously approved Interchange EIR adequate for the Project, as revised. This focus meets the requirements for supplemental analysis under Section 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines, which requires that only changes to the original EIR project that may result in significant impacts and that were not evaluated and disclosed in the FEIR be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Environmental impacts to be addressed in the SEIR include: land use, geology and soils; air quality; water resources; biological resources; noise; aesthetics; human health and safety; motorized and non-motorized transportation/circulation; public services and utilities; and cultural resources.

EIR PROCESS AND PUBLIC INPUT: Following the receipt of input during the NOP comment period, the County will prepare a Draft SEIR which will describe the proposed project and alternatives (including a *no project* alternative as required by CEQA) and will identify any potential environmental effects and mitigation measures

that may be necessary to minimize or avoid such effects. The Draft SEIR will be made available for public review and input for a 45-day review period. The County will consider all comments received and will prepare a Final SEIR which identifies any necessary changes to the Draft and provides responses to all comments. The County Board of Supervisors will consider certification of the Final SEIR prior to project approval.