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**Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a
Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
to the
Silva Valley Parkway Interchange with U.S. Highway 50 (SCH #88050215)**

Date: April 28, 2010
To: Interested Agencies and Individuals
From: El Dorado County Department of Transportation

El Dorado County, as CEQA Lead Agency, is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the Silva Valley Parkway/U.S. Highway 50 Interchange EIR. The original EIR was prepared in 1990. Although the proposed project will remain very similar to the project described in the original EIR, the SEIR will be prepared to update potential environmental impacts.

El Dorado County 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 1, 2010 and ends May 31, 2010. All written comments should be direct to: El Dorado County DOT, Attention: Ms. Janet Postlewait, 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667 or at jpostlewait@co.el-dorado.ca.us.

Project Location: The new interchange site is located at Silva Valley Parkway and U.S. Highway 50, approximately 5,000 feet east of the El Dorado Hills Boulevard interchange in western El Dorado County.

Project Description: The proposed project will construct a new interchange on U.S. Highway 50 at Silva Valley Parkway in El Dorado Hills. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce existing congestion, improve traffic operations, improve safety, and accommodate anticipated travel demand needed as a result of approved and planned development in the El Dorado Hills area.

Environmental Review: Environmental impacts to be addressed in the SEIR include: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Climate Change, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Population, Employment and Housing, Public Services, Transportation and Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems.

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.