



**Reference: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
FOR THE DEL RIO TRAIL PROJECT**

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**PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING**

The project begins approximately 0.4 mile south of Pocket Road near the Freeport Water Tower adjacent to the Interstate 5 (I-5) bridge over Freeport Boulevard, and extends approximately 4.5 miles north along the abandoned railway corridor within the City of Sacramento (see Figures 1 and 2). Regional features adjacent to the proposed Project area include the Sacramento River to the west, and Interstate 5 to the west.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

The City proposes to construct 4.5 miles of Class 1 multi-use trail along the abandoned railway corridor west of Freeport Boulevard from south of Meadowview Road/Pocket Road to the Sacramento River Parkway north of Sutterville Road. The proposed Del Rio Trail Project consists of a Class I multi-use trail (12 to 16 feet of pavement with unpaved shoulders ranging from 2 to 3 feet) and when feasible, an adjacent 5 to 6-foot wide unpaved walking trail. The Del Rio Trail would include at-grade crossings and intersection modifications at each location where the trail intersects a vehicular roadway.

The project begins approximately 0.4 mile south of Pocket Road near the Freeport Water Tower adjacent to the I-5 bridge over Freeport Boulevard, and extends approximately 4.5 miles north along the abandoned railway corridor within the City of Sacramento. At the southern entry, the trail would connect directly to the newly constructed Freeport Shores Trail and the South Sacramento Parkway West Trail. The route would then cross at Meadowview-Pocket Road and continue north through the South Land Park neighborhood towards William Land Park and the Sacramento River Parkway. North of Sutterville Road, the trail connects to the Sacramento River Parkway via two alignments: west along Sutterville Road with Class 2 bike lanes, and northwest along the existing railway corridor.

Permanent right-of-way acquisitions and temporary construction easements are needed where the trail passes through Sacramento Regional Transit and state-owned parcels along the trail.

This project is federally funded through the Active Transportation Program grant and therefore requires compliance with both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The lead agency for CEQA compliance is the City; the federal lead agency for NEPA compliance is Caltrans.

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**PROJECT PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Del Rio Trail Project is to:

- Advance and complete the planned connection between the Sacramento River Parkway and the Freeport Shores Bikeway in accordance with the City of Sacramento Bikeway Master Plan utilizing public right of way and public agency parcels;
- Connect logical origins and destinations proximate to the trail alignment by improving pedestrian and bicycle access throughout the South Land Park, Freeport Manor, Z'berg, Land Park, Meadowview, and Pocket communities; and
- Provide an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant, active transportation connection to adjacent communities throughout the south Sacramento area for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities to access schools, retail, jobs, and recreational amenities.

**PROJECT NEED**

The Del Rio Trail Project is needed because the South Land Park, Pocket, and adjacent communities in South Sacramento currently have limited ADA-compliant, active modes of transportation to schools, retail, jobs, and recreational amenities thereby increasing automotive dependency and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), while reducing opportunities for those who do not drive or do not have access to a car including children, the elderly, the disadvantaged, and persons with disabilities.

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND SCOPE OF THE EIR**

The EIR will analyze potentially significant impacts that result from construction and operation of the proposed Project. The City has elected to conduct a project specific environmental analysis of the proposed Project to ensure project level detail is analyzed and provided to the public. Pursuant to section 15063(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study has not been prepared for the proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated for consideration under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, as well as non-environmental issues including:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Climate Change, and Energy
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise and Vibration
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

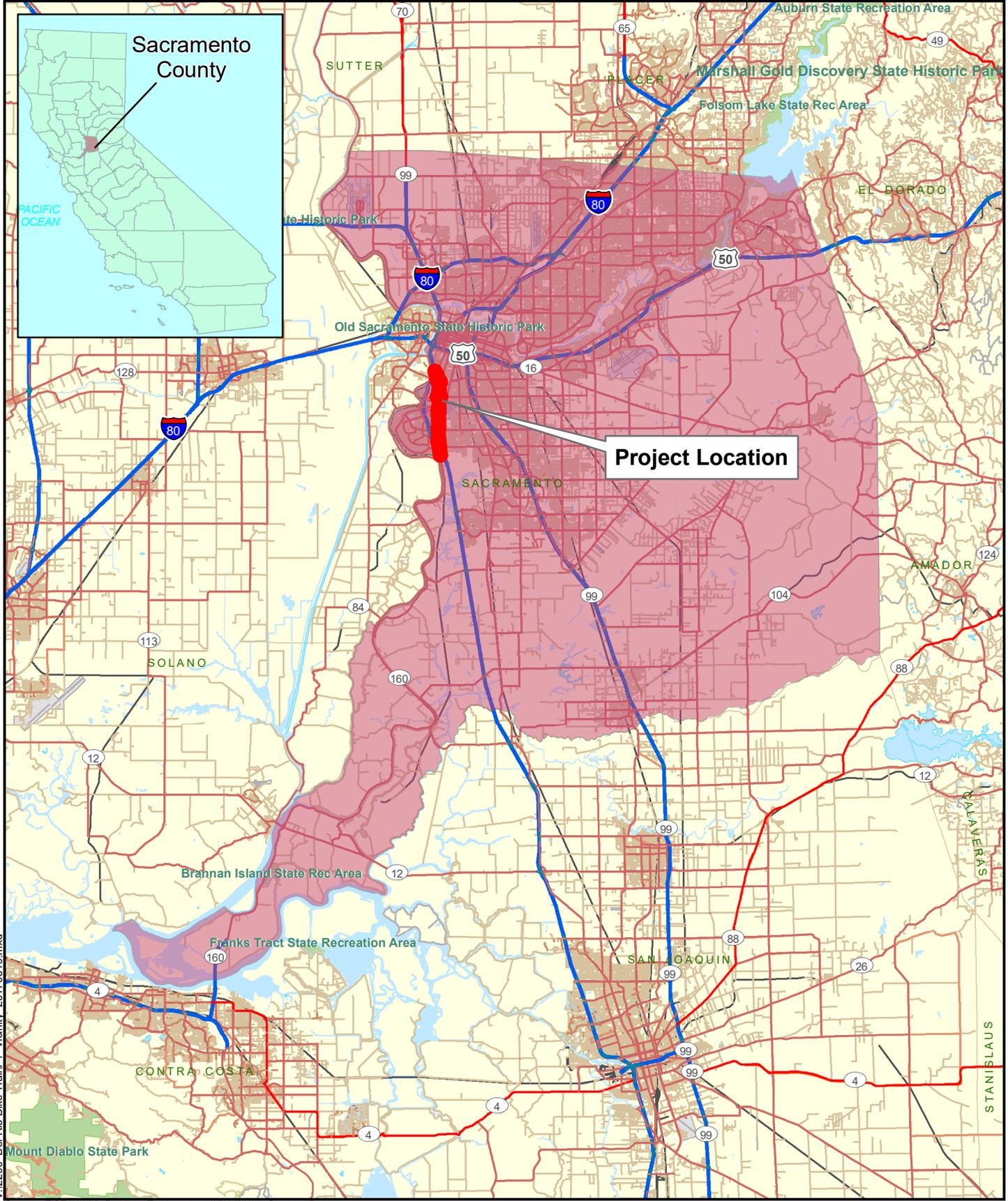
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- Growth Inducement
- Population and Housing
- Cumulative Impacts

Environmental issues not contemplated for consideration due to the determination that there will be no impact include:

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Mineral Resources

The EIR will identify and evaluate alternatives to the proposed Project. CEQA requires that an EIR evaluate a “no project” alternative, and in addition a reasonable range of other project alternatives. Comments on potential alternatives for discussion in the EIR are welcomed.



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**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Vicinity**

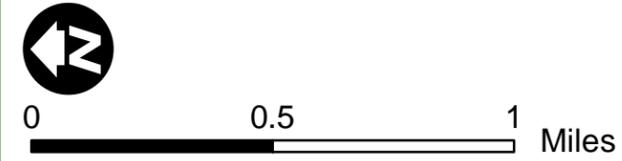
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Project Study Area



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**FIGURE 2**  
**Project Location**  
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