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TO: Interested Persons

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE I STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located over the Sacramento River between the cities of Sacramento and West Sacramento, approximately 1,000 feet north of the existing I Street Bridge. The total length of the project is approximately 0.42 mile (2,200 feet) along C Street and Railyards Boulevard.

**COMMENT PERIOD: September 28 to November 12, 2017**

**PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT EIR/EA: Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Stanford Gallery, located at 111 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814.**

As the CEQA lead agency, the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services, and as the NEPA lead agency, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration, have completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA) for the I Street Bridge Replacement project. The document is now available for public review and comment. You may obtain a CD copy of the document at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (except holidays). The document is also available for review at the City of West Sacramento's Community Development Department office located at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor, West Sacramento, CA, 95691, the downtown Central Library and at the Arthur F Turner Library in West Sacramento. Additionally, as required by Public Resources Code section 21168.6.6, this NOA, the Draft EIR/EA, and all other documents submitted to or relied upon for the preparation of the Draft EIR/EA and all public comments received will be available at the City's Community Development Department, environmental documents webpage at the following link:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports.aspx>

These documents can also be accessed through the City's I Street Bridge Replacement Project webpage at the following link:

<http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Public-Works/Engineering-Services/Projects/Current-Projects/I-Street-Bridge-Replacement>

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Sacramento, in cooperation with the City of West Sacramento and Caltrans, proposes to construct a new bridge over the Sacramento River to replace the vehicle crossing that is currently accommodated by the existing I Street Bridge in order to remove a series of functionally obsolete or structurally

deficient bridges (i.e., approach structures). The build alternatives under consideration utilize one bridge alignment for the new bridge over the Sacramento River. Two alternatives for portions of the roadway design in Sacramento are being considered: Alternative 1—Signalized Intersection at Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive; Alternative 2—Roundabout Intersection at Jibboom Street and Bercut Drive. A No Build (No Project) Alternative is also considered.

The issues discussed within the Draft EIR/EA are those that have been identified as potentially significant impacts including: aesthetics, air quality, biology, cultural resources, noise, recreation, and traffic. The proposed work may have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Sacramento and Caltrans are evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the properties or, if not, if adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans. Mitigation is included in the Draft EIR/EA to reduce most impacts to less-than-significant levels; however, significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified for the following areas: traffic operations, loss of purple martin habitat, and temporary construction noise.

The Draft EIR/EA is being circulated for a 45-day public review period from September 28, 2017 to November 12, 2017. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR/EA should be received by the Environmental Planning Services NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on November 12, 2017.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Dana Mahaffey at (916) 808-2762. Questions about the project can be directed to Jesse Gothan at (916) 808-6897 or [JGothan@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:JGothan@cityofsacramento.org).

Thank you.