



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
REVISED DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(CHAPTERS 16 AND 18)
(SCH # 2010012066)
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE
CAPITAL SOUTHEAST CONNECTOR PROJECT
Revised Draft PEIR available on December 19, 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the Capital SouthEast Connector Joint Powers Authority (JPA), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed a Revised draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Capital Southeast Connector Project (project) that is now available for recirculation. The Connector is a proposed 35-mile-long roadway that would link communities in Sacramento and El Dorado Counties, including Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom, with project limits extending from the I-5/Hood Franklin Road interchange in southwest Sacramento County to US 50 in the vicinity of Silva Valley Parkway, approximately 3 miles beyond the Sacramento County/El Dorado County line.

The Connector project draft PEIR was originally made available to agencies and the public for review and comment for a 60-day review period from March 14, 2011, to May 13, 2011. On August 12, 2011, the JPA Board certified the PEIR for the Connector Project. Subsequently, on October 14, 2011, the JPA Board adopted a General Alignment for the Connector Project, relying on the certified PEIR.

Following the certification of the Program EIR in August and adoption of the General Alignment in October, two appellate court decisions were published, *Madera Oversight Coalition v. Madera County* and *Pfeiffer v. City of Sunnyvale*, both of which address the issue of “baseline conditions” to be analyzed in an EIR. In light of recent appellate court decisions, the JPA Board of Directors felt it beneficial to clarify certain statements in Chapter 16, “Traffic and Transportation,” and Chapter 18, “Cumulative and Growth-Inducing Impacts” section. In order to add the clarifying statements, the Board on December 9th, voted to decertify the Program EIR for the Connector Project, and directed JPA staff to clarify those portions of the draft PEIR deemed necessary and recirculate any chapters of the draft PEIR, if required under CEQA. The revised chapters also reflect recent changes from the Sacramento County General Plan Update, which was adopted in November 2011, and indirect impacts related to agricultural land conversion.

The 45-day public review period for these two revised chapters of the draft PEIR will extend from December 19, 2011, through February 1, 2012. The Revised draft PEIR identifies one or more significant impacts in the following areas: Traffic and Transportation and Cumulative and Growth-Inducing impacts. For each significant impact, mitigation is proposed where feasible.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15088.5(f)(2), the JPA requests that reviewers limit their comments to the revised portions of the recirculated EIR (i.e., Chapter 16 and 18).

The following hazardous materials sites are identified within or adjacent to the proposed project corridor: Super Pallet Recycling (10401 Grant Line Road, Elk Grove), and White Rock Road Disposal – North and South (White Rock Road and Grant Line Road, Rancho Cordova).

This Notice of Availability starts the beginning of the minimum 45-day public review period of the Revised draft PEIR. Written comments on the Revised draft PEIR must be provided by Wednesday, February 1, 2011 and should be sent to:

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PUBLIC MEETING

Members of the public and agencies are welcome to attend the regularly scheduled JPA Board meeting to provide comments on the portions of the document that have been recirculated (i.e., Revised Chapter 16, “Traffic and Transportation”, and Revised Chapter 18, “Cumulative and Growth-Inducing Impacts” of the Draft PEIR on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, California. The public will also be able to leave written comments at the meeting.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The Notice of Availability (NOA) and Revised Draft PEIR, as well as the previously publicized Draft and final PEIRs, can be downloaded electronically on the Connector website: www.connectorjpa.net. Paper copies will be available for review at the following locations:

- Connector JPA Office, 10640 Mather Blvd, Suite 120, Mather, CA 95655
- City of Elk Grove Planning Counter, City Hall, 8401 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758
- City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department, City Hall; 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- City of Folsom Planning Counter, City Hall; 50 Natoma Street, 2nd Floor, Folsom, CA 95630
- El Dorado County Planning Department; 2850 Fairlane Court, Building “C”, Placerville, CA 95667
- Sacramento County Public Information Counter; 827 7th Street, Room 101, Sacramento, CA 95814

Paper copies of the recirculated chapters can be purchased for \$15 each. CDs of the documents will be provided upon request. Both items can be requested from the Capital SouthEast Connector JPA Office, 10640 Mather Blvd, Suite 120, Mather, CA 95655; (916) 876-9094.