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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FRANKLIN BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

FEBRUARY 9, 2006

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PROJECT TITLE:

Franklin Boulevard Widening Project

PROJECT LOCATION:

Franklin Boulevard (Poppy Ridge to Elk Grove Boulevard) and a portion of Elk Grove Boulevard west of Franklin Boulevard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project would widen a portion of Elk Grove Boulevard from five lanes to six lanes and a portion of Franklin Boulevard from three lanes to six lanes. Elk Grove Boulevard would be widened approximately 24 feet on the south side (eastbound) between the UPRR overcrossing and Franklin Boulevard, a distance of approximately 0.25 mile. Franklin Boulevard would be widened approximately 26 feet on the west from its intersection with Elk Grove Boulevard south to approximately 80 feet south of Poppy Ridge Road, a distance of approximately 1.1 mile, to provide for a six lane arterial with median landscaping. The proposed improvements to Elk Grove Boulevard would begin at the UPRR overhead structure and end at the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Elk Grove Boulevard. Some minor road re-striping would occur on the UPRR overhead structure and on the eastbound lanes of Elk Grove Boulevard west of the overhead structure to its intersection with Four Winds Drive. The proposed improvements to Franklin Boulevard would begin at and include the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and Elk Grove Boulevard, and extend to the south approximately 80 feet south of the Franklin Boulevard and Poppy Ridge Road intersection. The existing lanes on Franklin Boulevard would become the ultimate three northbound lanes, median, and one southbound lane, while two new southbound lanes and two bus turnouts added to the west side of the existing road. Seven existing oak trees on the west side of Franklin Boulevard would need to be removed, and an intermittent open earthen storm water drainage ditch running adjacent to most of the west side of existing Franklin Boulevard would be filled to accommodate the new southbound lanes and bus turnouts.

The project site is not listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft Environmental Impact Report has identified the following environmental issue areas as having potentially significant environmental impacts from implementation of the project:

- Agricultural Resources
- Transportation and Circulation
- Noise
- Visual Resources/Light and Glare
- Air Quality
- Hazardous Materials/Risk of Upset
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Geology and Soils
- Biology and Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Public Services and Utilities

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on **February 9, 2006** and end on **March 27, 2006**, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Draft EIR must be received at the above address within the public review period. Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the City of Elk Grove City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, and at the Elk Grove Branch of the Sacramento Public Library at 8962 Elk Grove Boulevard. The Draft EIR also may be reviewed at the City's web site at www.elkgrovecity.org. Referenced technical reports used in the preparation of the Draft EIR that are not included as appendices may be reviewed at City Hall upon request.

PUBLIC HEARING: a public hearing will be set for this matter before the City Council at one of their meetings in May 2006 at Elk Grove City Hall, 8400 Laguna Palms Way, Elk Grove, CA.