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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The City of Tracy has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Citywide Transportation Master Plan, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. The Project is a comprehensive update of the 1994 Tracy Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in fulfillment of Objective CIR-1.1, Action A1 of the Circulation Element of the City of Tracy General Plan (General Plan). The proposed TMP builds upon the goals and objectives contained in the Circulation Element of the General Plan and the City's Sustainability Action Plan. It provides a comprehensive review of the City's transportation system and identifies improvements and expansions to the existing system required to accommodate future growth anticipated by the General Plan. It includes an additional five years of growth beyond the General Plan horizon year to establish consistency with the most recent SJCOG land use development assumptions, employment forecasts, and travel demand model. Using the most recent SJCOG model facilitates a consistent identification of uniform improvements.

Following its preliminary review of the proposed Project (pursuant to Section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines), the City of Tracy prepared a draft Initial Study according to Section 15063 of the CEQA Guidelines (January 2012 IS) to determine if the Project would have a significant effect on the environment. The January 2012 IS was released with the Notice of Preparation (NOP) on January 12, 2012. Subsequently, the City circulated a Draft EIR for the proposed Project from March 30 to May 14, 2012 for public review (March 2012 EIR). All interested persons and organizations had an opportunity during this time to submit their written comments on the March 2012 Draft EIR to the City of Tracy. Since circulation of the March 2012 Draft EIR, significant new information has been added to the January 2012 IS and March 2012 EIR. This new information provides clarification regarding the purpose and intent of the TMP and the scope and nature of its potential impacts.

Due to the introduction of this new and/or clarified information in the January 2012 IS and March 2012 EIR, the City has decided to recirculate a revised Draft Initial Study (Recirculated IS/CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 Analysis) and Draft EIR (Recirculated EIR) for the TMP. Upon completion of the circulation period for the Recirculated IS/CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 Analysis and Recirculated EIR, the City will respond to: (i) comments received during the initial circulation period that relate to chapters or portions of the documents that were not revised and recirculated and (ii) comments received during the recirculation period that relate to the chapters or portions of the documents that were revised and recirculated. This Draft Recirculated EIR and its appended Recirculated IS/CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 Analysis are intended to fully replace the January 2012 IS and March 2012 EIR.

A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will commence on June 14, 2012 and end on July 28, 2012. Members of the public and other interested agencies and individuals are invited to provide comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR. Comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR may be submitted to the City at the address below during the 45-day review period.

The Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's web site (www.ci.tracy.ca.us) and at the City of Tracy's Department of Development and Engineering Services, 333 Civic Center Plaza.

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