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Director

**Notice of Preparation**

March 22, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies  
Re: South Fresno Interchange Project  
SCH# 2019039121

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the South Fresno Interchange Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

**Raychel Skeen**  
**Caltrans 6 (Fresno)**  
**855 M Street, Suite 200**  
**Fresno, CA 93721**

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research at [state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov). Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019039121/2>.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Lead Agency

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
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SCH # **201903912**

**Project Title:** South Fresno Interchange Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Contact Person: Raychel Skeen

Mailing Address: 855 M Street, Suite 200

Phone: (559) 445-6132

City: Fresno Zip: 93721

County: Fresno

**Project Location:** County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Malaga

Cross Streets: State Route 99 and North Ave, Central Ave, and American Ave Zip Code: 93725

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: TBD

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99 Waterways: none

Airports: closest is Turner Field (private) Railways: several Schools: 2 elementary in 1 mile ra

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons           | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA        | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec              | (Prior SCH No.) _____                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____          |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

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**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type <u>Reconstruct 3 existing interchanges</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual         | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land        | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding       | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality              | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard    | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone             | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption      | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs            | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Affected Environment</u> |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Immediate project area: industrial and commercial; Broader study scope: industrial, commercial, Ag, pockets of Residential

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The South Fresno Interchange Project proposes to reconfigure three existing interchanges on State Route 99 (SR 99) freeway located at American Avenue, Central Avenue, and North Avenue, in Fresno County, CA between Post Miles 12.5 and 19.1. Currently, there are ten preliminary alternatives being considered for the interchange locations. Generally, each alternative proposes to 1) reconstruct and widen the over-crossings, 2) construct new and/or reconstruct existing on and off-ramps, and 3) provide improvements to adjacent local roads and intersections.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**NOP Distribution List**

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SCH# 2019039121

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RWQCB 8  
Santa Ana Region (8)

RWQCB 9  
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Other \_\_\_\_\_

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