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El Dorado County 2020-2040 Regional Transportation Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report

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PROJECT TITLE: EL DORADO COUNTY 2020-2040 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project includes the western slope area of El Dorado County that is under the jurisdiction of the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC), which excludes the area within the Lake Tahoe basin. The area within the Lake Tahoe basin exists under the jurisdiction of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), and is therefore not included within the jurisdiction of the proposed project.

El Dorado County is located in the foothills and mountains of the Sierra Nevada adjacent to Sacramento County, and extends east from the Sacramento region. The El Dorado County is bordered by Placer County to the north, Amador County to the south, Sacramento County to west, and the State of Nevada to the east.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project is the adoption and implementation of the updated EDCTC RTP that has been prepared to address the 2020 to 2040 timeframe. The RTP has been prepared to fulfill the state requirements of AB 402 (Government Code Title 7, Chapter 2.5 Sections 65080-65082) using specific guidance from the California Transportation Commission Regional Transportation Plan Guidelines. More specifically, the RTP is a twenty-year, comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan, including, but not limited to; highways, local streets and roads, transit, bicycle, aviation, and goods movement. EDCTC is required to adopt and submit an updated RTP to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) every five years. The RTP is action-oriented and pragmatic, considering both the short-term (10 year) and long-term (10- to 20-years and beyond) periods.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

The Draft EIR has identified the following environmental issue areas as having significant and unavoidable environmental impacts from implementation of the project: Agricultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change/Energy, Transportation/Circulation, and Cumulative Impacts from these three topics. All other environmental issues were determined to have no impact, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigation measures incorporated into the project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:

A 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will start on September 4, 2020 and end on October 19, 2020. Any written comments on the Draft EIR must be received within the public review period. The Draft EIR is available for review at the EDCTC web site https://www.edctc.org/rtp2040. Printed copies are available upon request for a small fee. Please send any comments by mail to El Dorado County Transportation Commission, 2828 Easy Street, Suite 1, Placerville, CA 95667, or by email to jbarton@edctc.org. If we do not receive a response from your agency or organization, we will presume that your agency or organization has no response to make.