## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY TEHAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Tehama County has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein.

Based on preliminary analysis, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting of **Tuesday, November 23, 2021,** with the session commencing at **10 A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Tehama County Administrative Office located at 727 Oak Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Project Applicant: Tehama County

**Project Title:** 99W/South Main Street Reconstruction Project

**Project Location:** The project is located within the Red Bluff city limits and unincorporated areas of Tehama County in portions of Townships 25, 26, and 27 North, Range 3 West, in the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Red Bluff East and Gerber 7.5-minute quadrangles. Improvements in the City would occur on South Main Street and at the I-5/South Main Street interchange within Caltrans right-of-way (ROW). Improvements south of the Red Bluff city limits would occur within the County road ROW of 99W between the southern Red Bluff city limit and Gyle Road.

Staging of construction equipment would occur in selected locations in the existing road right-of-way. These locations are all existing, denuded wide spots along the road corridor and will not require vegetation removal or earthwork prior to use as staging areas.

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes roadway and traffic control improvements in the Red Bluff City limits and unincorporated areas in Tehama County. Improvements in the city limits include rehabilitating and widening a ±0.95-mile section of South Main Street between the southern city limits and the Interstate 5 (I-5) interchange, modifying the traffic signal at Sister Mary Columba Drive, enhancing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, improving the northbound I-5 interchange ramps, and installing a roundabout at the I-5/South Main Street interchange. If it is determined that a roundabout at this location is not feasible, improvements would be made to the existing signalized intersection.

Outside the city limits, the project includes the repair of structural roadway deficiencies along a ±10.35-mile segment of 99W between the southern Red Bluff city limit and Gyle Road. It is estimated that ±8 miles of 99W would be rehabilitated and receive a pavement overlay. Guardrails along 99W would be replaced/extended as funding becomes available. It is anticipated that all work on 99W would occur within the existing road prism and no widening of the roadway would occur. The subject property is not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Information Availability: The Initial Study and proposed MND are available for review at the following locations:

**Tehama County Department of Public Works,** 9380 San Benito Avenue, Gerber, CA *Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.* 

**Electronic copies** of the IS/MND and related project documents are available on the County's website: <a href="https://tcpw.ca.gov/">https://tcpw.ca.gov/</a> and on the State Clearinghouse website (Search for Tehama County under Lead/Public Agency): <a href="https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced">https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced</a>

**Public Review Period:** The public review period starts on September 28, 2021, and ends on October 29, 2021. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

**Comment Submittal:** Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on October 29, 2021.

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