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From: Rupinder Jawanda [mailto:rupinder\_jawanda@dot.ca.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2010 1:59 PM

To: Breedon, Dan

Subject: Re: CalTrans Projects

Hi Dan,

Here's a breakdown of the list of projects that you sent.

Traf-1,3,4,6,8 are conceptual projects

Traf-2 and 5 are ultimately planned (20+ years)

Traf-7 is not planned, the TCCR for SR 162 shows a 4-lane ultimately planned facility in that area

Regards,

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Subject

CalTrans Projects

Hi Rupinder,

Caltrans commented on the Draft EIR for our General Plan update (General Plan 2030) on June 3, 2010 (see attached letter)

The County has identified some project mitigations under this EIR, and I am trying to track down if the projects identified under these mitigations are at all contemplated under Caltrans work or planned projects.

The attached document shows the projects identified under Caltrans jurisdiction.

Can you quickly take a look at these and let me know if any of the mitigations identified for Caltrans are part of planned work or a future project of some kind?

Thanks for your attention to this matter. I will need your response no later than this Wednesday if possible.

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(See attached file: Pages from ButteFEIR\_PublicReviewDraft.pdf)(See attached file: 2010\_06\_03 Caltrans Letter.pdf)

TABLE 6-1 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

Mitigation Measures	Party Responsible for Implementation	Implementation Timing	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Monitoring Action	Monitoring Frequency
<b>Transportation and Circulation</b>					
TRAF-1: Widen State Route 32 to four lanes between Muir Avenue and W. 1st Street.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-2: Widen and convert State Route 99 to a four-lane conventional highway between the Sutter County Line and East Biggs Highway.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-3: Convert State Route 99 to a grade separated, limited access freeway facility between State Route 149 and the Skyway.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-4: Widen State Route 99 to six lanes between East 20th Street and Cohasset Road.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-5: Widen State Route 99 to four lanes between Eaton Road and Keefer Road.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-6: Widen State Route 162 to four lanes between Larkin Road and State Route 70.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-7: Widen State Route 162 to six lanes between State Route 70 and Lower Wyandotte Road.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-8: Widen State Route 162 to four lanes between Foothill Boulevard and Canyon Drive.	Caltrans and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Caltrans	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once

TABLE 6-1 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Mitigation Measures	Party Responsible for Implementation	Implementation Timing	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Monitoring Action	Monitoring Frequency
TRAF-9: Construct a raised median on Cohasset Road between State Route 99 and East Avenue to enhance capacity.	City of Chico and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Public Works Department	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-10: Widen Midway to four lanes between the planned Southgate Extension and Durham-Dayton Road.	<i>Note: As indicated on page 4.13-58 of the Draft EIR, this potential mitigation measure is infeasible due to environmental and policy constraints, and would not be implemented.</i>				
TRAF-11: Construct a raised median on the Skyway between State Route 99 and Notre Dame Boulevard to enhance capacity.	City of Chico and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Public Works Department	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-12: Convert the Skyway between Neal Road and Bille Road to a four-lane limited access expressway.	Town of Paradise and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Public Works Department	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once
TRAF-13: Widen the section of the Skyway between Bille Road and Wagstaff Road to a four-lane, divided arterial, and widen the section of the Skyway from Wagstaff Road to Pentz Road to a four-lane, undivided arterial.	Town of Paradise and Public Works Department	Prior to 2030	Public Works Department	Verification that improvement is constructed	Once

**Breedon, Dan**

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**From:** Breedon, Dan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 3:22 PM  
**To:** Wannemacher, Felix  
**Subject:** FW: General Plan Questions

Hi Dan,

As we discussed this morning, below are my comments to your questions posed to Craig earlier this week.

My comments are in blue below....

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**From:** Breedon, Dan [mailto:DBreedon@buttecounty.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 10:46 AM  
**To:** McGreehan, Al; Baker, Craig  
**Subject:** Butte County GP 2030 EIR mitigations

Al/Craig,

Can you tell me if the Town of Paradise has any approved plans for completing this work (I believe I know the answer to this but need to confirm with you):

Convert the Skyway between Neal Road and Bille road to a four-lane limited access expressway.

**This section of Skyway is currently built out to its ultimate standard (C-1 Road Standard). The town may add sections of two way left turn lanes, and prohibit parking in various areas to improve turning movements and allow free-flow of through traffic. The 2008 BCAG Skyway Study made recommendations relative to reducing the number of lanes north of Pearson. That study has not made it past the "concept" level. It is important to note that the driving force behind the Skyway Study was to improve pedestrian safety, and calm traffic. At no time has a four lane "limited expressway" been contemplated for this section of roadway. This section of roadway crosses through our "Downtown", and our collective efforts will be to calm traffic, not increase the speeds.**

Widen the section of the Skyway between Bille Road and Wagstaff Road to a four-lane, divided arterial.

**The Town's 1994 General Plan, Table 2-3, identifies this section of roadway to have a "proposed number of lanes" of 4 (2 lanes each direction). It is important to note that this roadway has never, in my recollection, been seriously considered for conversion to a four lane divided arterial.**

**New development projects in this area have been conditioned appropriately for a four lane, C-1**

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Roadway standard, and we have tried to build our new capital projects with this ultimate condition in mind.

The 2008 BCAG Skyway study proposed keeping this section of roadway at a three lane ultimate standard, one each direction and a center turn lane, with bike paths and wide pedestrian paths. This study has not made it past the “concept stage”.

Widen the section of the Skyway from Wagstaff Road to Pentz Road to a four-lane, undivided arterial.

The Town’s 1994 General Plan, Table 2-3, identifies this section of roadway to have a “proposed number of lanes” of 4 (2 lanes each direction). It is important to note that this roadway has never, in my recollection, been seriously considered for conversion to a four lane divided arterial.

New development projects in this area have been conditioned appropriately for a four lane, C-1 Roadway standard, and we have tried to build our new capital projects with this ultimate condition in mind.

The 2008 BCAG Skyway study did not extend above Wagstaff, so it did not address this section of roadway. The 1996 Skyway Improvement Program, prepared for BCAG, did evaluate this section of roadway. This study recommended widening Skyway, from Wagstaff to South Park Drive, to a four lane roadway, with left turn lanes where appropriate.

These two mitigations have been identified under our EIR. We are identifying them as significant and unavoidable and therefore adopting a statement of overriding considerations.

Thanks for looking into this. I could use an answer as soon as possible.

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**From:** Breedon, Dan  
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**To:** Wannemacher, Felix  
**Subject:** FW: Butte County GP 2030 EIR Mitigations

**From:** Brendan Vieg [mailto:bvieg@ci.chico.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2010 4:26 PM  
**To:** bgreenlaw@ci.chico.ca.us; Breedon, Dan  
**Subject:** Re: Butte County GP 2030 EIR Mitigations

Dan:  
Bob isn't around, but I wanted to get back to you with something.

First, I'm not sure of the link between "raised medians" and enhanced capacity.

The City recently finished a project at the East/Cohasset intersection that significantly enhanced capacity. I believe there are some other improvements being considered for Cohasset between SR 99 and East Avenue to address capacity, but I'm not sure if a "raised median is part of the design.

Also, the City is doing significant road work in the vicinity of Skyway and Notre Dame that will expand capacity on Skyway between SR 99 and Notre Dame, but I'm not sure if it includes "raised medians".

I don't believe our EIR identifies these 2 areas as operating at failing LOS, but then again, our LOS standards are different.

Thanks -  
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>>> "Breedon, Dan" <DBreedon@buttecounty.net> 08/30/2010 10:40 AM >>>  
Brendan/Bob,

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