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SUMMARY- NOTICE OF PREPARATION
WIDEN STATE ROUTE 99 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FROM FOUR TO SIX LANES AND
REPLACE ALL EXISTING BRIDGES

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State Route 99, in Stockton, in San Joaquin County, from 0.6 km north of Arch Road to 0.2 km south of State Route 4 West.

Proposed Action

Widen State Route 99 from four to six lanes and replace all existing bridges within the project limits to meet standards for the ultimate eight-lane freeway concept.

Programming:

The project is programmed in the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for \$1.6 million as a partnership between the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) and the San Joaquin Regional Improvement Program (RIP) to complete the Environmental and Permits phase of the project. The current estimated total cost for the project is \$126.4 million, capital and support. The additional funding to complete the remaining phases of the project will be programmed in future STIP cycles through the IIP and the San Joaquin County RIP.

Alternatives Being Considered:

- No-Build.
- Alternative 1: (Considered and dropped from further study) Widen the existing freeway from four to six lanes in the median. Also, replace all existing bridges in the project limits to current standards with provisions for the ultimate eight-lane freeway concept.
- Alternative 2: Widen the existing freeway from four to six lanes in the median from the southern project limit to Mariposa Road. Widen the existing freeway to the outside from Mariposa Road to the northern project limit. Also, replace all existing bridges in the project limits to current standards with provisions for the ultimate eight-lane freeway concept.
- Alternative 3: Widen the existing freeway from four to six lanes to the outside throughout the project by reconstructing State Route 99 to full standards. Provide a standard 18-meter-wide median and replace all existing bridges in the project limits to current standards with provisions for the ultimate eight-lane freeway concept.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects:

- Potential impact to wetlands at Duck Creek and its associated floodplains, which may provide habitat for species such as the giant garter snake, Valley elderberry longhorn beetle, Swainson's hawk, and burrowing owl.
- One previously recorded archaeological site and five other historic resources are either adjacent to or within the project area.
- Potential impact to the air quality of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin.
- Socioeconomic impacts are anticipated if the project includes additional right-of-way acquisitions to the outside of the current alignment.

Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:

- Submit a mitigation plan and consult with the California Department of Fish & Game and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to resolve habitat issues.
- Conduct archaeological and architectural surveys. Coordinate with local Native American tribes.
- Determine project air quality conformity using micro-scale carbon monoxide screening.
- Conform to Executive Order 12898 on environmental justice.