



Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for Parkway Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Project

Following is a Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Parkway Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Project (Project) in Dixon, California. This is also a notice that the City of Dixon intends to hold a public workshop to answer questions regarding the Draft EIR.

Project Description and Location

The City of Dixon has prepared a project-level tiered Draft EIR for the Project. The proposed Project would extend Parkway Boulevard from its current terminus at Valley Glen Drive to Pitt School Road. This extension would include a grade-separated over-crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and Porter Road. The portion of the proposed project on the east side of the UPRR tracks is within the City of Dixon limits. The portion of the project on the west side of the UPRR tracks, including Porter Road, lies within the County of Solano limits. The proposed project would extend Parkway Boulevard from its existing eastern terminus (near the intersection of Parkway Boulevard and Valley Glen Drive) to a western terminus at Pitt School Road, with a grade-separated over-crossing structure over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and Porter Road.

Pitt School Road would be improved from a two-lane facility with no shoulders to a two-lane facility with Class II bike lanes and shoulders on each side. The improved roadway section would feature a 32-foot-wide paved section with 4-foot-wide earthen shoulders, extending from the City-County limit to the north of the proposed Parkway Boulevard intersection to Porter Road to the south of the proposed intersection. Where the new Parkway Boulevard alignment would intersect the two-lane Pitt School Road, Pitt School Road would be widened from two to three lanes to provide for turning movements at the intersection. The transition from the three-lane section back to a two-lane facility along Pitt School Road would take up to 137.2 m (450 feet). Associated with the transition sections, right-of-way acquisition may be required along the east side of Pitt School Road. In addition to the intersection widening, a temporary construction easement may also be necessary along the east side of Pitt School Road for the length of the proposed improvements to allow for minor grading to conform from the improved two-lane roadway section back to existing ground.

Significant Impacts Associated with the Project

Implementation of the proposed project is not expected to result in significant and unavoidable impacts on the environment. Proposed mitigation measures are expected to avoid or reduce environmental impacts to less than a significant level. Potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures are described in the Draft EIR. The project site is not on a list toxic/hazardous waste site.



Public Review and Comment

The City of Dixon plans to release the Project Draft EIR for public review and comment on March 3, 2008; and it will be available for forty-five (45) days for comment until 5:00pm, April 18, 2008. All documents, including the appendices and separately bound technical studies, will be available for review at the locations listed in this notice.

The City of Dixon encourages you to review the Draft EIR and provide comments in any of two ways: (1) written comments submitted at the Public Workshop and/or (2) written comments submitted to the following:

City of Dixon
Attention: Jason Riley, Associate Engineer
600 A Street, Dixon, CA 95620

Comments must be received by the City of Dixon no later than 5:00pm, Pacific Daylight Time, Tuesday, April 18, 2008.

In accordance with the requirements of CEQA, the City of Dixon will prepare written responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR. The comments and responses will be included in the Final EIR that will be considered by decision-makers prior to any action on the Project.

Public Workshop

The City of Dixon invites the public to a workshop to learn more about this project and how to comment on the Draft EIR. This workshop will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2008, from 7:30pm – 8:30pm at the Senior Multi-Use Center, located at 201 South Fifth Street, Dixon, California. No decisions on the project will be made at the public workshop.

The public workshop site and parking facilities are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, and other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided if requested a minimum of 72 hours before the public workshop by calling (209) 464-8707, Ext. 101.

Review of Documents

The Draft EIR is available for review at the locations listed below. Review days and times may vary by location. The documents can also be reviewed on-line at www.parkwayblvdRRgradesep.com.

City of Dixon, Engineering Department, 600 East A Street, Dixon, California,
and
City of Dixon Public Library at 230 N First St, Dixon, California.

For further information or questions regarding this project, feel free to call Judith Buethe, Public Outreach Coordinator, Parkway Boulevard Railroad Grade Separation Project, at 1-877-464-4350. Or, send an e-mail to Hotline@buethecommunications.com.