



THORNTON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Thornton Road Widening Project
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You Are Invited to a Public Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Stockton Ballroom

9650 Thornton Road, Stockton

This meeting is an opportunity for citizens and the project team of the Stockton Public Works Department to exchange information and ideas. A brief presentation will be made at 7:00 p.m. Maps and other exhibits will be available for you to view, and members of the project team will be available for informal discussions before and following the presentation.

For Information: Feel free to call the Project Hotline at (209) 464-4350 or email Hotline@buethepr.com. You may also address your written comments and inquiries about the project to Judith Buethe, Public Outreach Coordinator, Thornton Road Widening Project, P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773.

If you require special accommodations—for example, American Sign Language or other interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, please contact the Public Information Coordinator at (209) 464-4350 before the public meeting.



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Project Background and Purpose

In 1991, the City of Stockton began the Stockton Streets Improvement Project (SSIP) to study nine major street corridors throughout the City. The study's goal was to find out which roadway improvement alternatives were needed to handle future traffic volumes. In October 1994, the City Council certified the Program Environmental Impact Report that adopted the SSIP and nine new specific plans, including the Thornton Road Widening Specific Plan.

The purpose of the Thornton Road Widening Project is to do the following:

- Reduce existing congestion, and
- Improve north-south circulation and accommodate anticipated travel demand for the next twenty years.

Widening Thornton Road is also necessary to comply with the General Plan and the City's Congestion Management Program.

Project Description

The Thornton Road Widening Project will widen a 1.5-mile segment of Thornton Road from the bridge over Bear Creek to the Pershing Road intersection. Consistent with the Specific Plan for the area, the roadway will be widened to six lanes with a center turn lane. Improvements within City limits will include widening the pavement; modifying existing driveways; constructing storm drainage facilities; constructing curb, gutter and sidewalks; installing streetlights; modifying traffic signals; modifying existing utilities; and installing traffic signing and striping.

Most of the project is within the City of Stockton. However, some portions of Thornton Road are subject to San Joaquin County jurisdiction. The City and County Public Works Departments are working together to develop the improvement plans in the County area.

Schedule

The City expects environmental documentation and preliminary engineering of the project to be done early this fall. Right-of-way acquisition and final engineering design would follow, with construction in 2008.

Environmental Document

You can obtain a copy of the environmental document or review it at the City of Stockton Permit Center, Planning Division, 345 North El Dorado Street, Stockton, and at public libraries in Stockton as of September 1, 2006. You can also view the environmental document at http://buethepr.com/thornton_road_widening.html. For more information about the environmental document, feel free to call Mark Martin, City of Stockton, (209) 937-8569.

Project Funding

The project will be funded by the City of Stockton.

How You Can Be Involved

Come to the public meeting on September 13. At 7:00 p.m. the members of the project team will make a brief presentation. Before and after the presentation, exhibits will be available for you to view. (See reverse side of this card for meeting details and for information on how to contact the project team.)

