

Appendix A
Notice of Preparation

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

Date: June 16, 2006

To: State Clearinghouse
Responsible Agencies
Trustee Agencies
Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a
Subsequent Environmental Impact Report

Project Title: City of Roseville 2020 Transportation System
Capital Improvement Program Update

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Public Scoping Meeting: July 12, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
311 Vernon Street
Roseville, California

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The City of Roseville Transportation System Capital Improvement Program (CIP) identifies the various improvements needed to serve the future transportation demands on the roadway system through the year 2020. The CIP is periodically updated to respond to changing conditions and to assure the development of an adequate transportation system, consistent with the City's Level of Service (LOS) policy.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15050, the City of Roseville is the lead agency responsible for preparing a Subsequent Environmental

Impact Report (EIR) for the update to the City's current 2020 Transportation System Capital Improvement Program.

Previous EIRs prepared for the City's CIP include the 2015 CIP Draft EIR certified in 2000, and the 2020 CIP Supplemental EIR certified in 2002. The 2015 CIP Draft EIR evaluated a revised set of roadway and intersection improvements and amendments to General Plan LOS policy. The 2020 CIP Supplemental EIR was prepared based on the determination that land use absorption in the City was occurring more quickly than previously anticipated. The 2020 CIP EIR specifically addressed: (1) an expanded list of intersections that required modification from 2015 levels to citywide build out levels, and (2) an amendment to the General Plan to modify the City's LOS policy to maintain a LOS C standard at 70 percent of all signalized intersections and roadway segments in the City during the pm peak hour. These two previous EIRs are available for public review at the City of Roseville Permit Center, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville.

Since the Supplemental EIR for the 2020 CIP Update was published, the City has determined that a Subsequent EIR should be prepared to update the 2020 CIP based on revised citywide buildout conditions and the utilization of an updated traffic model.

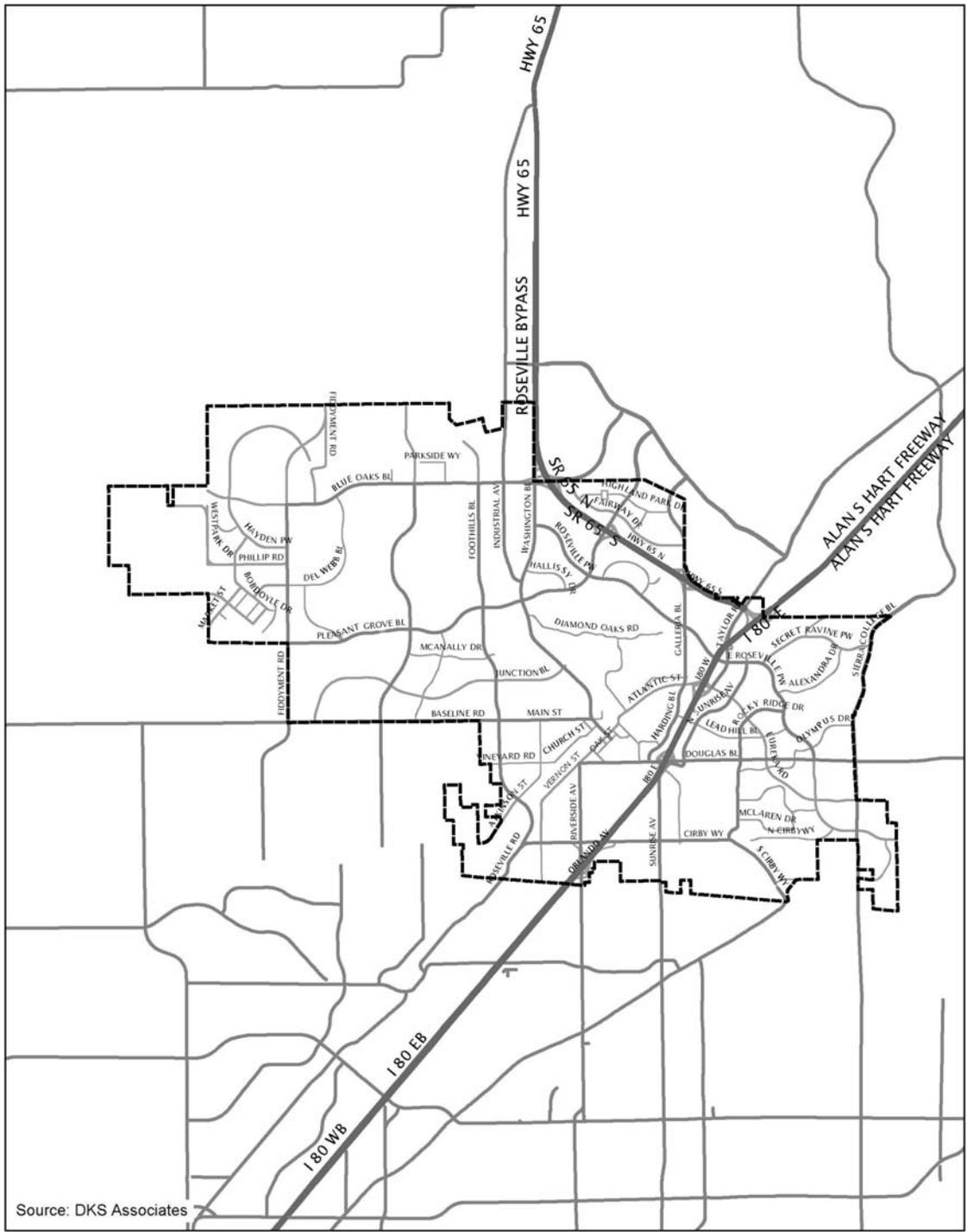
2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Since the Supplemental EIR for the 2020 CIP Update was published, the City has determined that a Subsequent EIR should be prepared to update the 2020 CIP. The 2020 CIP Update will estimate traffic volumes and LOS under revised citywide buildout conditions using an updated traffic model. The purposes of updating the 2020 CIP include:

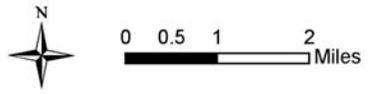
- Identifying new intersections that may fall below acceptable LOS C levels not identified in the current 2020 CIP and intersections that already have unacceptable LOS that may experience an increase in the severity of unacceptable LOS levels;
- Identifying improvements at new intersections or roadways not identified in the current 2020 CIP;
- Re-evaluating the need and feasibility of roadway and intersection improvements identified in the current 2020 CIP; and
- Evaluating consistency of the proposed 2020 CIP Update with General Plan policies.

3.0 PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project encompasses the entire roadway system within the City of Roseville. Figure 1 illustrates the City's roadway system.



Source: DKS Associates



	City of Roseville	Existing Arterial/Collector Roadway System	Figure 1 June 12, 2006
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4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

CEQA Section 15162 identifies criteria for preparation of Subsequent EIRs as follows:

- (a) When an EIR has been certified, no Subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:
 - 1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
 - 2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
 - 3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified, shows any of the following:
 - (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
 - (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
 - (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
 - (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Section 15162(d) also stipulates that a Subsequent EIR shall be given the same notice and public review as required under CEQA Section 15087 or Section 15072.

The City of Roseville will issue a Subsequent EIR to distribute new information concerning the proposed changes to the 2020 CIP and allow the public opportunities to provide statements regarding the possible environmental effects of these changes. The Subsequent EIR will concentrate on new or potentially more severe significant impacts not previously analyzed in the 2015 CIP Draft EIR and 2020 CIP Supplemental EIR.

5.0 SCOPE OF SUBSEQUENT EIR

Potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed 2020 CIP Update will be evaluated in the Subsequent EIR. CEQA Section 15021 establishes a duty for public agencies to avoid or minimize environmental damage, where feasible, and stipulates that a public agency:

- Is required to give major consideration to preventing environmental damage when regulating public or private activities;
- Should not approve a project as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or mitigation measures available that would substantially lessen any significant effects that the project would have on the environment;
- May consider specific economic, environmental, legal, social, and technological factors when determining whether changes in a project are feasible; and
- Has an obligation to balance a variety of public objectives, including economic, environmental, and social factors.

The proposed project is intended to accommodate vehicle trips associated with the City's proposed land use modifications. These modifications will lead to a redistribution of vehicle trips which could intensify congestion at certain intersections or require roadway or intersection improvements not previously identified. Therefore, the Subsequent EIR will address impacts pertaining to the following areas:

- Traffic and Circulation
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources

Traffic and circulation, air quality, and noise will be addressed on a project-level evaluation, and biological and cultural resources will be evaluated on a programmatic-level evaluation. This is appropriate because the design details of the improvements will necessarily follow the approval of the 2020 CIP Update; as the improvements are designed, they will be subject to additional environmental review in accordance with CEQA. It is anticipated that potentially significant impacts could occur in the following areas:

- Traffic volume changes along local, county, and State highways;
- Possible conflict with the 1994 Sacramento Area Regional Ozone Attainment Plan and/or the 2003 Placer County Air Quality Attainment Plan;
- Exposure of sensitive receptors to increased pollutants;
- Potential violation of the Placer County Air Pollution Control District source review rules;

- Potential cumulatively considerable increase in criteria air pollutants; and
- Rise in noise levels associated with increased traffic and project construction and operation in excess of established standards.

In addition, the Subsequent EIR will identify and address on a programmatic level potential impacts to biological and cultural resources associated with any new roadway widening and/or intersection improvements and project construction. Mitigation measures from the City’s 2015 CIP EIR and 2020 CIP Supplemental EIR will be identified, where necessary, for reducing significant impacts. Additional mitigation measures will be recommended where warranted and feasible.

Due to the nature of the proposed project, it is anticipated that no significant impacts would occur in the following resource areas, and therefore, these issues will not be addressed in the EIR. However, a preliminary analysis (referred to as an Initial Study) will be included as an Appendix to the EIR, which will address each issue listed below. At this time, based on the environmental information in the City’s 2015 CIP EIR and 2020 CIP Supplemental EIR, it is anticipated that if any significant impacts to these resources are identified in the Initial Study, mitigation measures would be identified to reduce them to a less-than-significant level. If this is not feasible, then the impact would be addressed in the Subsequent EIR.

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Utilities and Service Systems

6.0 PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The Subsequent EIR will analyze alternatives to the proposed project, including a No Project Alternative which assumes the current 2020 CIP would not change and the proposed 2020 CIP Update would not be approved. Additional alternatives to the proposed project may be analyzed, but have not been defined at this time.

7.0 CUMULATIVE ANALYSIS

The cumulative analysis will be based on buildout of the City to 2020 including Specific Plan buildout, as well as any new projects planned within Placer County and the surrounding region.

8.0 PROJECT APPROVALS

The anticipated project approvals include ancillary entitlements necessary to implement the proposed project. In areas where a programmatic-level evaluation rather than a project-level evaluation is conducted, it will be noted where additional environmental review could be required to adequately evaluate the impacts on a project-specific basis.

9.0 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The City of Roseville will hold a Public Scoping Meeting in connection with the proposed project. The Scoping Meeting will be held to receive comments from the public and other interested parties and agencies regarding the issues that should be addressed in the Subsequent EIR. The Scoping Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 in the Public Meeting Room located at 311 Vernon Street in Roseville, California.

10.0 NOP COMMENTS

Written comments concerning the Subsequent EIR for the City's proposed 2020 CIP Update should be directed to Rob Jensen at the City of Roseville, 311 Vernon, Roseville, California 95678. Written comments on the scope of the Subsequent EIR will be accepted by the City of Roseville through July 19, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.