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Responsible Agencies, Review Agencies, Trustee
Agencies, and individuals interested in the I-5
Corridor Improvement Project

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I-5 Corridor Improvement (91 to 605)
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Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement

This is to advise you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have approved the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the construction of highway improvements on Interstate 5 between State Route 91 and Interstate 605 in the cities of Buena Park, Cerritos, Downey, La Mirada, Norwalk, and Santa Fe Springs in Los Angeles County. The Final EIR/EIS identifies Alternative 4B as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 4B includes freeway widening to 10 lanes (four mixed-flow lanes and one High Occupancy Vehicle lane in each direction) on the Value Analysis alignment. The Preferred Alternative will require acquisition of additional right-of-way.

The Final EIR/EIS is now being distributed to those agencies and individuals that commented on the Draft EIR/EIS or requested a copy. Appropriate changes have been made to address the concerns raised during the public review period. A Notice of Availability is being published in the Federal Register, and a Record of Decision will be prepared after 30 days pursuant to NEPA. A Notice of Determination will soon be filed with the State Clearinghouse pursuant to CEQA.

If an effort to save paper, the enclosed Final EIR/EIS is being sent on CD along with a hard copy of the Document Summary. A hard copy of the document may also be viewed at the following locations:

- Norwalk Regional Library, 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241-7015
- La Mirada Library, 13800 La Mirada Blvd., La Mirada, CA 900638-3098
- Buena Park Library, 7150 La Palma Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620
- Santa Fe Springs City Library, 11700 Telegraph Rd., CA 90670
- Cerritos City Library, 18025 Bloomfield, Cerritos, CA 90703

The Final EIR/EIS is also available at each of the above City's City Hall and Caltrans District 7 Headquarters at 100 South Main Street, Los Angeles. Additionally the document may be viewed on our website: www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/Travel/Projects/I-5.

Written correspondence regarding this Final EIR/EIS should be directed to:

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Once the final CEQA/NEPA procedures summarized in this letter are completed, Caltrans will commence work on the detailed engineering plans, specifications and estimates (PS&E). This next phase will also identify the general sequence and location of construction activities. Caltrans will be able to provide more precise information on the timeframes for each freeway segment during this next phase. This important information will be sent to you and the corridor community starting in November 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact Garrett Damrath, (213) 897-9016. Thank you for your interest in this important transportation study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Kosinski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director
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Enclosures