SM 101 MANAGED LANES PROJECT

MEETING NOTICE

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Public Scoping Meeting and Open House Notice

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
San Mateo City Hall, 330 West 20th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94043

Purpose: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as owner and operator of U.S. Highway 101 and Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), will prepare a draft environmental document for the above referenced project. The project sponsor is a multi-jurisdictional partnership of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Southern Segment of the SM 101 Managed Lanes Project would begin at the end of the Santa Clara County Express Lanes at Matadero Creek and extend to Whipple Avenue Interchange in San Mateo County. The Northern Segment on US 101 is from the Whipple Avenue Interchange in San Mateo County to north of the I-380 Interchange.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the scope of issues to be addressed in the draft environmental document, range of alternatives under consideration and the potential environmental effects of potential modifications within the corridor. We are seeking the views of the community regarding issues and information to be addressed in the draft environmental document.

Written comments on the scope will be accepted through Friday, November 18, 2016. Please send additional comments to:

Yolanda Rivas, Caltrans Office of Environmental Analysis, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA, 94623-0660; e-mail: sm101scoping@dot.ca.gov.

Language interpretation will be provided at the meeting in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese.

Overview: Given the importance of the US 101 Corridor from San Francisco County through San Mateo County and into Santa Clara County, finding a solution to the growing congestion and associated delay has become a high priority. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a continuous lane in each direction on US 101 from the terminus of the Santa Clara County Express Lanes to I-380 in San Mateo County. This continuous lane would be managed in real time to achieve maximum efficiency and operations toward the following goals:

- **Reduce congestion in the corridor;**
- **Improve travel time reliability for all users;**
- **Increase sustainability of existing general purpose lanes;**
- **Increase person throughput; and**
- **Apply technology and/or design features to implement real time traffic management tools.**

With these goals in mind, Project Sponsors are considering a range of alternatives that include a combination of converting existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes to Express Lanes, and the addition of new Express Lanes on US 101 between Whipple Road to the I-380 interchange in San Mateo County; The project scope may include removing or replacing existing auxiliary lanes between interchanges; reconstructing ramp connections to US 101; and installing electronic toll collection infrastructure.

Possible Environmental Impacts: The proposed project will be assessed for impacts on the following environmental resources: Land Use and Community, Utilities and Emergency Services, Traffic and Transportation/ Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities, Visual/Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Floodplains, Water Quality and Storm Water Runoff, Geology/Soils/Seismicity, Paleontology, Hazardous Waste and Materials, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration, Biological Resources, Cumulative Impacts, and Energy and Climate Change.