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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is issuing a Notice of Intent (NOI) for the proposed State Route 239 (SR 239) Project. Caltrans is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for this project.

Caltrans is also the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and plans on preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under CEQA. Caltrans will prepare a joint EIR/EIS and previously issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on December 17, 2021 with a 49-day comment period through February 4, 2022. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is the project sponsor for the SR 239 project.

The SR 239 project proposes to provide a new, four-lane highway from State Route 4 near Marsh Creek Road in Contra Costa County to either Interstate 205 (I-205) in San Joaquin County or to Interstate 580 (I-580) in Alameda County. This new route would improve the transportation network for an area that has few north-south roadway connections between eastern Contra Costa County and the western San Joaquin Valley. The project would provide relief from increasing commute traffic through the town of Byron, enhance mobility in eastern Contra Costa County, and improve access to the Byron Airport.

Caltrans and CCTA are evaluating the overall SR 239 Project at both a Tier I (program) level and a Tier II (project) level. The Tier I programmatic-level study will evaluate and analyze alternatives that cover the entire SR 239 corridor through a broad and general assessment. The Tier II project-level study will evaluate an initial phase of the SR 239 Project through a detailed, site-specific analysis that will allow for project approval, design, and construction of this initial phase.

In addition to a No Build Alternative, two alternatives for Tier I have been identified for further study in the EIS: 1) Alternative A would consist of a four-lane highway with an alignment east of the Byron Airport. South of the airport and west of Mountain House, the alignment would turn southward and then connect to the I-580/I-205 interchange in Alameda County; and 2) Alternative B would consist of a four-lane highway with an alignment east of the Byron Airport. South of the airport, it would be parallel to and west of Byron Highway, before joining Byron Road and connecting to I-205 west of Tracy in San Joaquin County. Tier II, or the initial phase

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of SR 239, would consist of a two-lane facility between SR 4 at Marsh Creek Road and the Byron Airport and is common to both Tier I alternatives. Caltrans and CCTA are also considering multimodal options for the SR 239 Project, such as transit and active transportation improvements. Caltrans and CCTA will also consider scoping input in response to the NOI regarding alternatives.

Your participation on this project is important to us. Comments and suggestions on the environmental scope of the project and project alternatives are invited from all interested parties for a period of 62 days from November 18, 2022 through January 18, 2023.

Caltrans will also be holding an online scoping meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The link to the online meeting will be posted on the SR 239 Project scoping website in advance of the meeting. To view project material and to find the link to access the online meeting on December 13, 2022, please visit the project website at <https://www.SR239project.net/>.

Written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2023. Comments can be sent via postal mail to:

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Comments can also be sent via email to info@SR239project.net, by phone at (925) 255-5466, or via an electronic comment submission at <https://www.SR239project.net/>.

For individuals with translation or accessibility needs, please contact the project team at (925) 255-5466 or info@SR239project.net. TTY users may also contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (510) 506-9862 or Wahida Rashid, Senior Environmental Planner, at (510) 504-3139 or wahida.rashid@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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