NOTICE OF PREPARATION
Environmental Impact Report

Date: October 22, 2013

To: Responsible Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

From: City of Ukiah
Planning and Community Development Department
300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
Talmage Road/Highway 101 Interchange Off-Ramp Realignment

The City of Ukiah originally proposed a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project (SCH# 2013072057) and is now preparing an Environmental Impact Report.

The City of Ukiah will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Talmage Road/Highway 101 Interchange Off-Ramp Realignment project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Lead Agency is requesting input as to the scope and content of the environmental information that should be contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

The project involves the modification and reconstruction of the southbound portion of the U.S. 101 interchange at Talmage Road to provide additional capacity and to address future impacts associated with projected build-out growth in the Airport Industrial Park.

It involves a partial cloverleaf interchange configuration with a new signalized intersection at the southbound ramp terminus with Talmage Road. There will be three (3) left turn lanes onto westbound Talmage Road and one (1) eastbound lane. Two dedicated left turns would be provided into the Airport Industrial Park. The existing southbound off-ramp would be removed. The new signalized intersection at Talmage Road and the southbound on/off ramps is proposed to be interconnected and coordinated with the existing signalized intersection at Talmage Road and Airport Park Boulevard. Other proposed improvements include new sidewalks, signing and striping, medians, and safety lighting. The project area generally extends from the intersection of Talmage Road and Waugh Lane in the west to the intersection of Talmage Road and Hastings Frontage Road in the east, and from the U.S. 101 southbound off ramp diverge in the north to the U.S. 101 southbound on ramp merge in the south.

Potentially significant environmental issues may include Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Noise and Traffic.

Because of the time-sensitive nature of the EIR process, we request your response at the earliest possible date, and not later than November 26, 2013 (30 days from the publication of this notice).

The City will hold a public meeting to identify and receive input on the potentially significant environmental effects to be discussed in the EIR.

Meeting Time: Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Meeting Location: Ukiah Council Chambers, 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA 95482

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Charley Stump, Director of Planning and Community Development at (707) 463-6219 or cstump@cityofukiah.com.

Comments may be submitted in writing during the review period and addressed to:

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