California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code; Title 14, California Code of Regulations

This Notice is provided to inform interested agencies and the public that it is the intent of the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), as lead agency, to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code 21000, et. seq) for the project described below.

PROJECT NAME: State Route 70 Corridor Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), proposes to widen a 6.1-mile portion of State Route 70 (SR 70) from 0.3 miles north of Cox Lane (PM 5.7) to 0.3 miles north of Ophir Road (PM 11.8) in Butte County south of the city of Oroville. The State Route 70 Corridor Improvements Project (proposed project) would provide continuous passing opportunities between Marysville and Oroville, thereby increasing safety and decreasing travel times between those cities. An Initial Study has determined that the proposed project would have no significant adverse affects on the physical environment, with the implementation of mitigation measures recommended in the Initial Study for the proposed project. The project site is not on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A thirty-day public review period for the Negative Declaration will commence on *August 7, 2018 and end on September 5, 2018.* Additional copies of this document and the related technical studies, are available for review at Caltrans District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 and the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) office, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA 95928. This document may be downloaded at the following website: <u>http://www.bcag.org/Projects/State-Route-70-corridor/index.html.</u> This document will also be available at the Oroville public library at 1820 Mitchell Avenue in Oroville.

Open House Details:

The Open House will have information pertaining to the proposed plan available for review, and project staff will be available to answer questions.

Wednesday August 22nd, 4:00 – 8:00 PM Southside Oroville Community Center 2959 Lower Wyandotte Road Oroville, CA 95965

Please send comments to Andy Newsum at: BCAG, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA 95928 Phone: 530-879-2468; Fax: 530-879-2444 Web Site: <u>www.bcag.org</u>