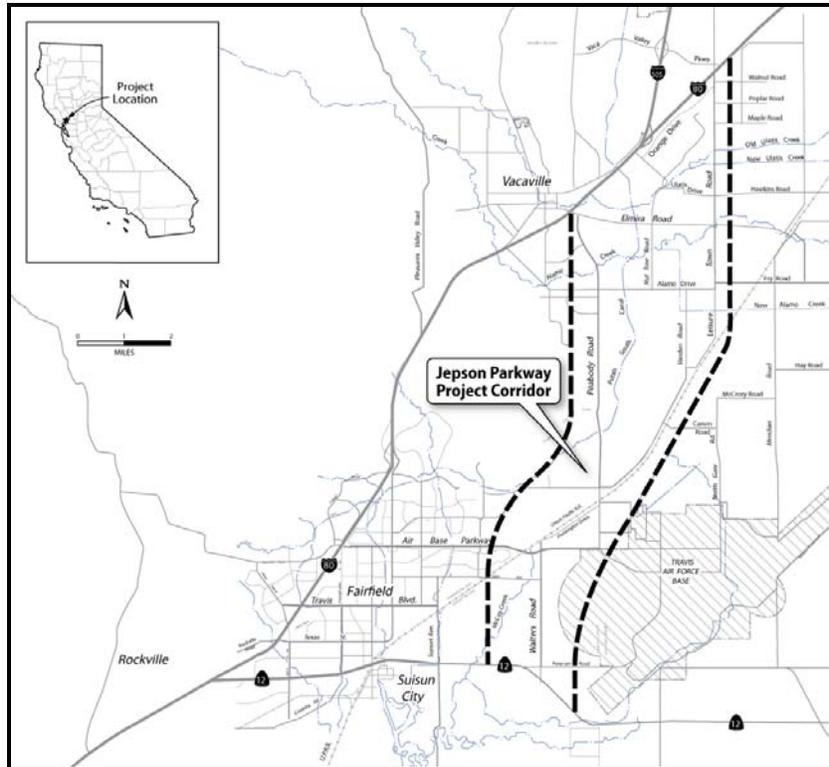


Jepson Parkway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation

Volume I

Solano County, California / District 4-SOL-O-STA / RPSTPL 6249 (004)



Prepared for:

The State of California Department of Transportation
and the Solano Transportation Authority



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The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried-out by the Department under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and 49 U.S.C. 303.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). This Final EIS examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in the cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, and Suisun City, and unincorporated portions of Solano County. The document describes why the project is being proposed, alternatives for the project, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, the potential impacts from each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/EIS was circulated for public and agency comments for a 60-day review period starting June 6, 2008 and a public hearing was held in Vacaville on June 24, 2008. The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board certified the Final EIR, adopting the project with Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations on March 18, 2009. The Final EIR is incorporated by reference and is available for public review. On March 19, 2009, STA filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse (Office of Planning and Research) for completion of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. The CEQA 30-day statute of limitations on challenges to the Final EIR ended on April 19, 2009.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1500.4(o) and 1506.4, the existing CEQA/National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) EIR/EIS is being used as the EIS for completing the NEPA process. Following the circulation of this Final EIS, if the decision is made to approve the project, a Record of Decision will be published for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the Department could design and construct all or part of the project.

Volume I of the Final EIS contains the previously released Draft EIR/EIS with revisions intended to correct, clarify, and amplify the document. These revisions were added in response to comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS. In addition, Volume I identifies Alternative B as the preferred alternative for this project, as discussed in the Summary Section and Section 2, Project Alternatives. The vertical lines in the margins of Volume I of the Final EIS denote changes that have been made since the circulation of the Draft EIR/EIS.

Volume II of the Final EIS includes the comment letters received on the draft from public agencies, organizations, and individuals, along with the transcript from the public hearing. The responses to these comment letters and to concerns raised during the public hearing are also provided in Volume II.

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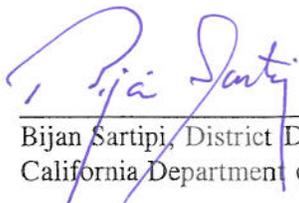
This project proposes to upgrade and link a series of existing local two- and four-lane roadways to provide a four- to six-lane north-south travel route for residents.

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
AND SECTION 4(F) EVALUATION FOR THE JEPSON PARKWAY
PROJECT**

Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code
(Federal) 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C) and 23 U.S.C 327 and 49 U.S.C. 303

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Abstract:

This document has been prepared by the California Department of Transportation, as assigned by FHWA, for the Jepson Parkway Project to comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The draft environmental document was a combined California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/NEPA document, but the final environmental document is a NEPA EIS that evolved from the Draft EIR/EIS and is being used to conclude the NEPA process. On March 18, 2009 the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) Board certified the final CEQA document and adopted the project with findings of fact and a statement of overriding consideration in compliance with CEQA. STA filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse (Office of Planning and Research) for Compliance with CEQA on March 19, 2009, and the 30-day CEQA statute of limitations expired on April 19, 2009 completing the CEQA process. This NEPA document is being used as the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for completing the NEPA process.

This project is intended to meet the objectives of the Jepson Parkway Concept Plan, including safety improvements at various locations and along various road segments; relief from existing and anticipated traffic congestion on north-south routes in Solano County; improved and new transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities; and a crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The project limits extend from approximately the intersection of Orange Drive and Leisure Town Road in Vacaville in the north to State Route (SR) 12/Walters Road in Suisun City in the south. The five project alternatives evaluated in this EIR/EIS include the following:

- Alternative A: No Project
- Alternative B: Leisure Town Road–Vanden Road–Cement Hill Road–Walters Road Extension–Walters Road
- Alternative C: Leisure Town Road–Vanden Road–Peabody Road–Air Base Parkway–Walters Road
- Alternative D: Leisure Town Road–Vanden Road–Peabody Road–Huntington Drive–Walters Road
- Alternative E: Peabody Road–Air Base Parkway–Walters Road