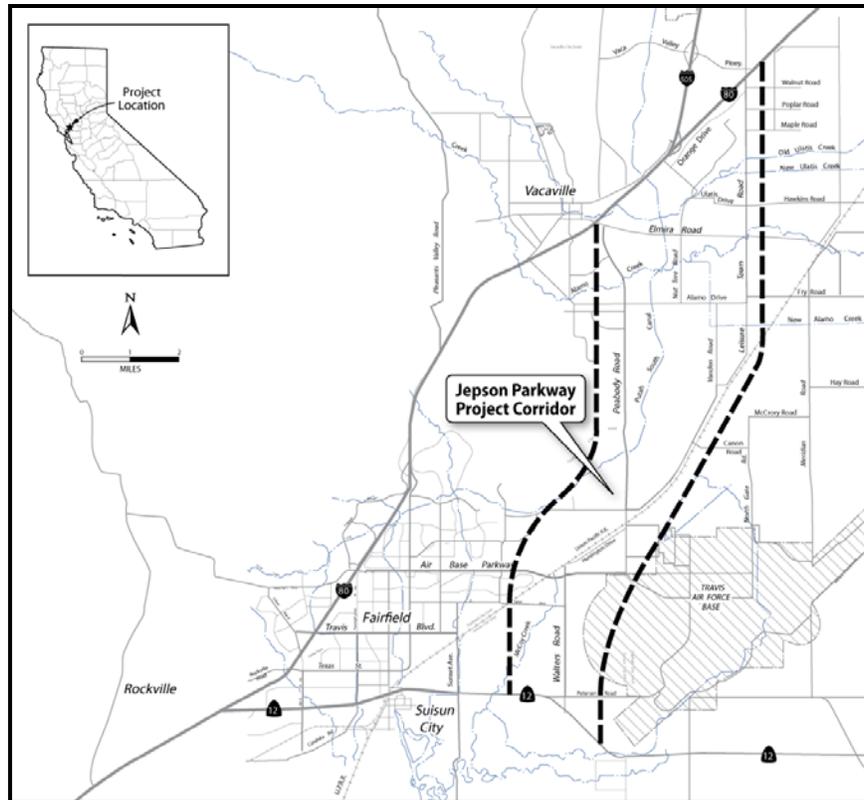


Jepson Parkway Project Final Environmental Impact Statement and Section 4(f) Evaluation

Volume II Response to Comments

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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 Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and 49 U.S.C. 303.

Introduction

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has prepared this Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) in cooperation with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). 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.

This document is Volume II of the Final EIS for the Jepson Parkway Project, which is being used as the Final EIS pursuant to 40 CFR 1500.4 and 1506.4. The CEQA process was completed in April 2009; please see the Abstract to Volume 1. This volume contains comments and responses on the May 2008 Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS) received from federal and state agencies, regional and local agencies, organizations, individuals and businesses about the proposed project. These comments were received during the 60-day comment period during May and June, 2008 and at the public hearing held on the DEIR/EIS on June 24, 2008 at the Callison Elementary School in Vacaville.

This volume consists of two chapters. Chapter 1 contains Essay Responses that holistically address general issues raised during the comment period regarding the Jepson Parkway Project. These essay responses cover issues such as the rationale for identifying the preferred alternative, other alternatives that were considered but eliminated from further discussion, traffic, utility and noise impacts, and potential growth-inducing effects.

Chapter 2 contains all of the individual comments and the responses to these comments. Each of the comment contributors, including all legible signatories to a petition received from residents along Leisure Town Road, is listed in the Table of Contents to this volume.

Volume I of this document contains all of the contents of the Final EIS, as modified to reflect project refinements, consultations with resource agencies, and textual clarifications suggested by the comments and responses in Volume II. For project information beyond that provided in this document, the reader is referred to the technical studies listed in Appendix G of Volume I, which are available for review at Caltrans Office of Environmental Analysis, 111 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94623.

