

Appendix B
STA Letter of Support for Alignment ET3

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Re: Environmental Document for the North Connector

Dear Daryl:

Solano County has reviewed the two proposed alignment alternatives for the east end of the North Connector project presented in the Administrative Draft Environmental Assessment - Draft Environmental Impact Report and Section 4(f) Evaluation. The County prefers Alignment Option ET3 on the east end of the project area.

Alignment Option ET3 supports the goals of the Agriculture Element of the Solano County General Plan to preserve agricultural and grazing lands within the County. It also best reflects the economic importance of agriculture in Solano County by directing urban growth away from important farmlands and prime agricultural areas. The County believes that Alignment Option ET3 provides for the least disruption to agricultural uses along the proposed North Connector by constructing the new roadway as close to I-80 as possible, in order to reduce the number of agricultural parcels affected and to avoid the creation of unfarmable remnant properties.

The County also recommends that access to the new roadway be limited to replacement access needed to serve the affected agricultural properties, and that these access points be limited to right-in and right-out turning movements.

Again, based on the County's analysis of the alignments presented for the east end of the North Connector project, the County believes that Alignment Option ET3 is most consistent with the goals and policies of the county.

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Thank you for this opportunity to provide input on this project. Please call me at (707) 784-6060 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Director of Resource Management

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