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## Notice of Availability

June 16, 2017

**Project Title:** Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2017 Update to the Contra Costa Countywide Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (SCH# 2017022054)

**Description of Project:** As required by Measure J, CCTA must prepare a Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The CTP provides the overall direction and a coordinated approach for achieving and maintaining a balanced and functional transportation system within the county while strengthening links between land use decisions and transportation. It outlines the CCTA's vision for Contra Costa, and the goals, strategies and specific projects, programs, and other actions for achieving that vision. The projects and programs included in the CTP are comprised of a mix of highway, arterial, transit, operational, and non-motorized improvements. The 2017 CTP updates the prior CTP adopted in 2009.

**Project Location:** The project will apply throughout Contra Costa County, one of nine counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Purpose of the EIR:** The Draft EIR is intended to inform CCTA decision makers, other responsible agencies and the general public of the potential environmental consequences associated with the Project, and identify mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid those impacts. The Draft EIR is a program-level analysis of the environmental effects associated with Project implementation through the year 2040. The Draft EIR includes information pertaining to the environmental setting, potential Project impact analysis and mitigation measures on the topics of Transportation and Circulation, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change, Agricultural resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Seismicity, Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Resources, Land Use, Population and Housing, Noise, and Visual Resources. Alternatives to the Project, and specifically to its Long-Range Transportation Investment Program, are also addressed.

**Public Review Period:** June 16, 2017 to August 1, 2017

**Availability of the Document:** The Draft EIR may be downloaded from the CCTA website at [www.2017ctpupdate.net](http://www.2017ctpupdate.net), and may be viewed at the CCTA offices at 2999 Oak Road, Suite 100, Walnut Creek CA 94597 during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Authority offices will be closed on July 4, 2017. The Draft EIR has also been made available to the public libraries in Contra Costa County.

**Public Comment:** Members of the public are invited to comment on the Draft EIR. All comments received will be considered by CCTA prior to finalizing the EIR and making a decision on the Project. In light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors, comments on the Draft EIR should focus on the sufficiency of the Draft EIR in discussing possible impacts on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the project. Comments may be made at the public meetings described below, or in writing.

**Please address all written comments to:**

Contra Costa Transportation Authority (Attn: Planning Section)  
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100  
Walnut Creek CA 94597

or via e-mail to [2017ctp@ccta.net](mailto:2017ctp@ccta.net), with the following subject line:  
*Comments on CCTA 2017 CTP Draft EIR*

**Comments should be received no later than 4:00 PM on August 1, 2017.**

Comments on the 2017 CTP and the Draft EIR can also be made at the **CCTA Planning Committee meeting**, scheduled for **July 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM** and at the **CCTA Board meeting**, to be held on **July 19, 2017 at 6:00 PM**. Both meetings will be held at the CCTA Board Room, located at 2999 Oak Road, Suite 110, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.

After all comments are received, a Response to Comments/Final EIR will be prepared and the CCTA Board will consider a recommendation to certify the EIR and to approve the 2017 CTP at a future meeting that is not yet scheduled.

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