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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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PROJECT: **THE MARIPOSA ROAD AND ESCALON-BELLOTA ROAD SPECIFIC PLAN**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: San Joaquin County proposes to address the safety and traffic operation related concerns along the Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road corridor (Project Corridor) through a series of near-term and long-term improvements identified in the Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road Specific Plan. The Project Corridor is a 13.5-mile-long corridor along Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road between the Stockton city limits at Austin Road and the Escalon city limits north of Miller Avenue. Near-term improvements identified in the Specific Plan are intended to be implemented within the first 10 years after the Specific Plan is adopted and include lower-cost strategies to slow vehicle speeds and reduce run-off-road collisions, as well as turn lanes, pavement markings, and stop signs. Additionally, rumble strips (transverse and edgeline rumble strips) and radar speed signs would be dispersed throughout the Project Corridor as part of the near-term improvements. Long-term improvements identified in the Specific Plan would occur under future conditions subject to funding availability, and include intersection realignment, traffic control, including stop signs and roundabouts, and roadway widening. The Specific Plan includes alternative options for each long-term improvement location and identifies a preferred design for each location.

PROPOSED DETERMINATION: San Joaquin County has conducted an environmental review of the above-described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on the environment and as such, a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be recommended for adoption by San Joaquin County.

AVAILIBILITY: A copy of the Initial Study document supporting the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available online at https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/.

COMMENTS: Comments from the public are invited (pursuant to Section 15204 of CEQA). Written comments concerning this document will be accepted through the last day of the review period. Comments can be addressed to Marilissa Loera – San Joaquin County and emailed to mloera@sjgov.org or mailed to 1810 East Hazelton Avenue Stockton, CA 95205, United States.

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