DATE: March 1, 2018

TO: Responsible Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Placerville

SUBJECT: Environmental Impact Report for the Clay Street Hangtown Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Notice is hereby given that the City of Placerville has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Clay Street Hangtown Creek Bridge Replacement Project (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.). A summary of the proposed project and its potential environmental effects are presented below.

The City is seeking written comments on the Draft EIR. The 45-day public review period will begin on March 2, 2018, and end on April 18, 2018. This review period is established for the purpose of receiving written comments on the accuracy and adequacy of the Draft EIR, together with other information relative to the environmental effects of the project.

Comments may be submitted in writing at any time during the review period, but they must be received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2018. Comments may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

City of Placerville
Attn.: Pierre Rivas
3101 Center Street
Placerville, CA 95667
Fax: (530) 295-2510
privas@cityofplacerville.org

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located on Clay Street between US Highway 50 and the Main Street and Cedar Ravine intersection in the downtown historic area of Placerville, El Dorado County, and includes the Ivy House parking lot.
PROJECT SUMMARY

The project proposes the following improvements:

- Replace the existing single-lane bridge over Hangtown Creek at Clay Street with a new two-lane bridge.
- Realign Clay Street between US Highway 50 and Main Street to accommodate the new bridge, creating a new four-leg intersection at Main Street and Cedar Ravine Road with either all-way stop or signal control.
- Reconfigure the Ivy House parking lot into two separate lots to accommodate the realigned Clay Street. The lots would be owned and maintained by the City.

A detailed description of the proposed project is provided in Section 2.0, Project Description, in the Draft EIR.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR has identified potentially significant effects in the following issue areas: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation. With the exception of one significant and unavoidable cumulative traffic impact related to operations at certain intersections, all of the potentially significant impacts of the proposed project would be reduced to less than significant levels with mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR.

AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT EIR

The Draft EIR is available on the City’s website at:

https://www.cityofplacerville.org/environmental-documents

and

https://www.cityofplacerville.org/clay-street-realignment

The Draft EIR is also available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Placerville
3101 Center Street
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 642-5252

El Dorado County Library
345 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 621-5540

Documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available upon request by contacting Mr. Rivas at (530) 642-5252 or by email at privas@cityofplacerville.org.