GOOD EVENING MAYOR THOMAS, VICE MAYOR ACUNA, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

- As requested, Staff is here to provide an update to the Clay Street Bridge Replacement Project.
- In April of this year, the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) concluded. The City received 19 individual comment letters, 40 individual comment emails, 8 letters from groups and organizations, and 4 agency comments.
- Since that time, staff has thoroughly reviewed the comments received and is in the process of drafting responses to those comments and questions.
- The City also conducted Section 106 Consultation meetings with interested parties such as the Ancient Order of the Druids and Friends of Historic Hangtown, and local tribes including the Wopumnes Nisenan-Mewuk Tribe and the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.
- One theme amongst the comments was the consideration of a potential of a historic district within the vicinity of the project. For the purposes of this federally funded project, the City and Caltrans have agreed to assume district eligibility under the National Register. This assumption prompted an update of the project’s cultural reports, which is currently underway.
- The City and its consultant are in the process of evaluating each property within the draft Historic District by applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, better known as the National Register Bulletin 15.
- Once that evaluation is completed, it will be included in the updated cultural reports.
- Staff collectively felt it would be helpful to have that information also included in the Final EIR well.
- With the holidays coming up and current workloads, Staff anticipates having the cultural reports completed in February and bringing the Final EIR to Council for certification by March.
- That concludes staff’s update and we’re happy to answer any questions you may have.