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Federal Project No. LTCL-5015(041)

Kris Kiehne Chair City of Placerville, Planning Commission 3101 Center Street Placerville, CA 95667

SUBJECT: US 50 Trip to Green Congestion Management and Resiliency Strategy Project, El Dorado County, California, Consultation Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic **Preservation Act**

Dear Kris Kiehne:

The City of Placerville, California (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC), is proposing to construct congestion management and resiliency improvements on U.S. 50 and local roads in the City of Placerville as the Trip to Green Project (Project) in El Dorado County, California (see enclosed Project Map). The Project improvements include Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), changeable signage, automated barriers, dynamic signalization, and construction of a new pedestrian overcrossing of U.S. 50.

U.S. 50 serves as the main transportation infrastructure, evacuation route, and lifeline for the west slope of El Dorado County, and the pinch point in Placerville results in impacts to travelers and the community. "Trip to Green" facilitates control of signal operations to respond to peak congestion periods and during natural disasters. The proposed improvements would utilize ITS technology, automated barriers, barricades, dynamic signing, messaging, and dynamic signalization to efficiently and safely implement Trip to Green to address congestion. The Project will address traffic control, traffic calming, and detours on local streets and intersections with U.S. 50. The Project will also address signage and wayfinding needs related to alternative routes for north/south travel under Trip to Green operations. All proposed improvements incorporate emergency service access during Trip to Green operations. The Project also includes a proposed pedestrian overcrossing at Canal Street to allow for pedestrian crossing of U.S. 50 at all times, and especially during Trip to Green.

The Project involves State and Federal funding. Caltrans is the lead agency for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The City is the lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this letter is intended to provide an opportunity for potentially interested parties, such as your organization, to provide comments with regard to the Project's potential effect on historic properties. Your comments and concerns will be important to the City and Caltrans as we move forward with design and environmental compliance of the project. Please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter with any comments regarding known or potential historic properties in the Project area. Comments should be addressed to the following project staff:

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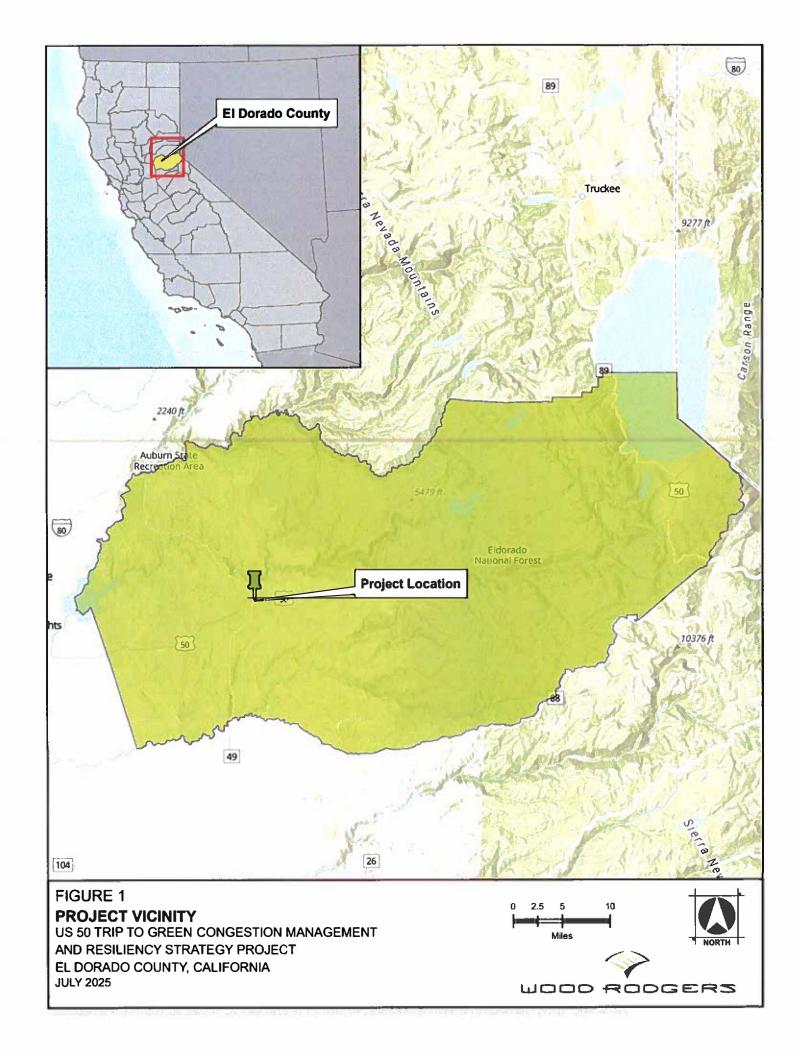
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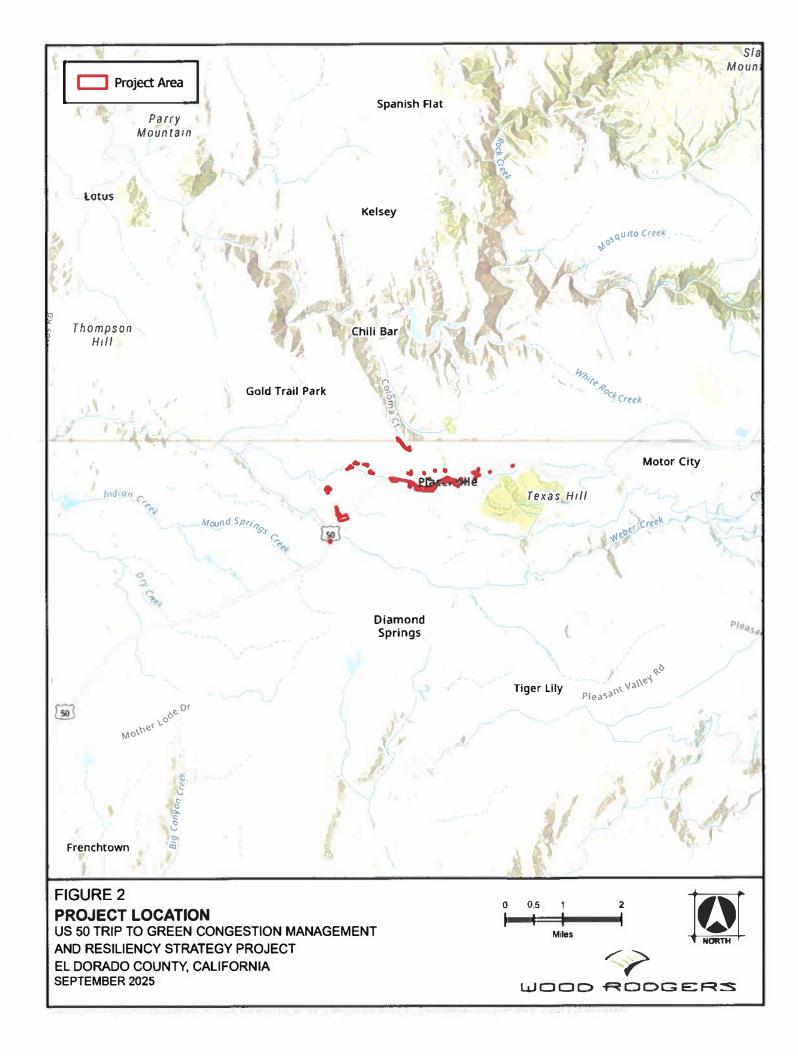
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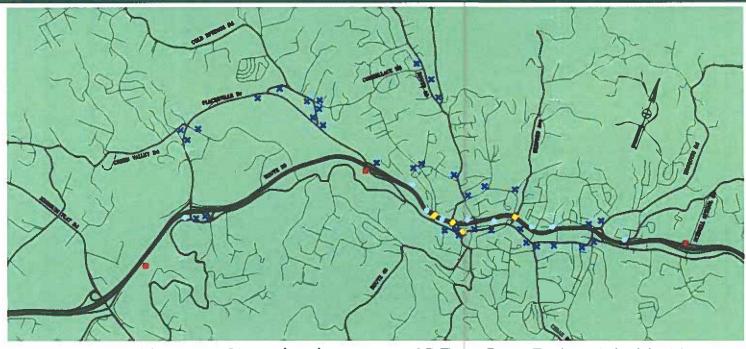
Attachment: Project Area Map







Roadway Update



- 3 Overhead Changeable Message Signs (red)
- 35 Two-Post Extinguishable Message Signs (blue)
- 9 Overhead Extinguishable Message Signs (cyan)
- 4 Intersection Modifications (Yellow)

