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Subject: US 50 Trip to Green Congestion Management and Resiliency Strategy Project, Response from City of Placerville Planning Commission

Dear Jenna Kachour:

The City of Placerville Planning Commission (Commission) submits the comments below pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with regard to the potential effect on historic properties of the US 50 Trip to Green Congestion Management and Resiliency Strategy Project (Project), per your request in the letter dated September 17, 2025. The request for comments was agendaized for the Regular Meeting of the City of Placerville, October 7, 2025, Item 12.2.3. After an introduction by City Staff, public comment was taken and the item discussed by the Planning Commission.

Comments from the Commission:

1. Based on the information provided, the Planning Commission did not feel that historic properties within the City were likely to be directly affected by the Project.
2. Project appurtenances such as the proposed extinguishable signs could have some impact on historic properties, but the location of these signs was not clear on the maps provided. The proposed pedestrian overcrossing at Canal Street also was not shown on the maps.
3. As more detail is developed regarding location of these project elements, and once City Staff has completed their Historic Resources Study, the Planning Commission would appreciate another opportunity to review those documents and comment on potential Project effects.

During the October 7, 2025 meeting public comment was received from the following people: Greg Resat, Vince Darwood, Don Tornincasa, Mary Dohnke, and Michael Drobesh. These speakers voiced concerns about the potential impact of the Project to businesses on Main Street in Placerville, or expressed concern that circulation might become a problem, suggested that roundabouts be considered as part of the design instead of blocking minor arterials as proposed, or that the decorative design of Project elements should reflect the historic values of the community wherever possible.

While these comments fell outside the scope of this request for comments on potential effects on historic properties, the Commission feels it is important to extend to you the summary of the comments received so that they become part of the public record. These speakers were encouraged to provide their comments to City Council, preferably in writing. City Engineer Melissa Savage was in attendance at the October 7 meeting and assured the audience that the project is in the preliminary phase and that

there will be many additional opportunities for the public to express their concerns about the Project. The recording of the meeting can be viewed to hear the comments in detail.

The members of the Commission appreciate the opportunity to provide comments at this time. We look forward to learning more about the Project as the design progresses and having another opportunity to provide further comments, as warranted.

Sincerely,

Kristine Kiehne
Chair, Placerville Planning Commission
City of Placerville