NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD EXTENSION FOR THE

ACEforward Draft Environmental Impact Report

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2017 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

DATE: July 18, 2017
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Other Interested Parties
FROM: San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission
SUBJECT: Extension of the Public Review Period for the ACEforward Draft Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2013062059)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC), acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has extended the public comment period of the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for ACEforward. ACEforward is a phased project to increase intercity and commuter rail ACE service between the San Joaquin Valley, the Tri-Valley, and Silicon Valley and to extend ACE service to Modesto and Merced.

A Notice of Availability (NOA) of a draft EIR for ACEforward was previously distributed to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested parties on May 31, 2017, which started a 62-day review period, which was set to end July 31, 2017. SJRRC has received requests to extend the comment period for the ACEforward draft EIR. In response to these requests, this notice is to announce that SJRRC is granting an extension of the comment period through Thursday, August 31, 2017.

The original NOA, which provides a description of the project and a summary of its environmental impacts, is available on the ACEforward website: www.aceforward.com. A more detailed description of the project and its environmental impacts is provided in the draft EIR.

A. Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

Copies of the draft EIR and the documents referenced in the draft EIR will continue to be available for review at the following location during normal working hours:

- SJRRC offices at 949 East Channel Street, Stockton

Copies of the draft EIR are also available for review at the following locations:

- ACEforward website at: www.aceforward.com
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 150 East San Fernando Street, San Jose
- Rose Garden Branch Library, 1580 Naglee Avenue, San Jose
- Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1098 Lexington Street, Santa Clara
- Northside Branch Library, 695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara
- Alviso Branch Library, 5050 North 1st Street, San Jose
- Newark Library, 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue, Newark
B. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report

Comments may be made submitted in writing by regular mail or email. Please send comments submitted in writing to:

San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission  
Attn: ACEforward Draft EIR  
949 East Channel Street  
Stockton, CA 95202  
ACEforwardEIR@acerail.com

Comments on the draft EIR must be received by the end of the extended review period, which is Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5:00 PM.