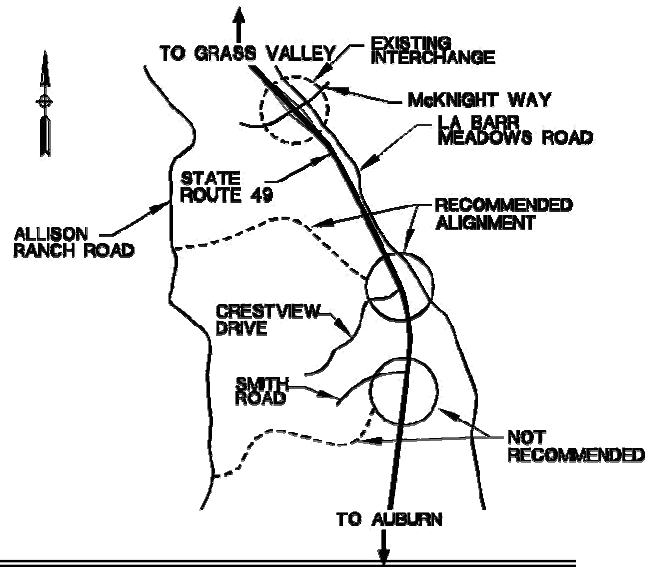


# **PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP FOR THE CRESTVIEW SMITH INTERCHANGE STUDY**

**Thursday July 21, 2005  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
L.O.V.E. Building, Condon Park  
660 Minnie Street, Grass Valley**

**Drop in anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. to  
view exhibits and ask questions. Brief project  
presentations will be held at 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.**



## **What is the Project?**

The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are hosting a public workshop to discuss the status of the Crestview-Smith Interchange Study. The proposed project would improve east-west connectivity in the southern portion of Grass Valley with a new Route 49 connection south of McKnight Way, and is included in the Transportation Element of the City of Grass Valley General Plan.

A multidisciplinary Project Development Team which includes representatives from Caltrans, NCTC, the City of Grass Valley, Nevada County, and members of the engineering and environmental consultant team, has reviewed issues and constraints relative to the proposed interchange and connector routes, and has agreed on a recommended alternative. After assessing the potential impacts to neighboring communities as well as the natural environment, the PDT has selected Alternative "A" as the recommended alignment.

## **What is the Workshop Objective?**

This is the second workshop, similar in format to the July 26, 2004 workshop. The workshop's objective is to review findings and recommendations and to provide the public the opportunity to ask questions of the Project Development Team. Residents and businesses near the project area are strongly encouraged to attend this public workshop.

## **What is the Current Status of the Project?**

At the last workshop, there were two alternatives being carried forward for consideration. Since that workshop, the project team has refined the alternatives, and has recommended Alternative "A" for future implementation. This alternative has substantially less impact on existing residences, and is less costly. Some of the design features, especially roadway grades, are better as well. Caltrans has indicated that the interchange location/configuration for Alternative "A" is acceptable, and there were no critical environmental issues identified. A final report on this interchange location and design will be presented to the Grass Valley City Council for their review at a future date.

At this time, the Project Team is refining traffic analyses to determine "triggers" for construction of the proposed interchange. An interim at-grade intersection is also being analyzed. More detailed information will be reviewed at the meeting and subsequently posted at the NCTC website at [www.nctc.ca.gov](http://www.nctc.ca.gov).

