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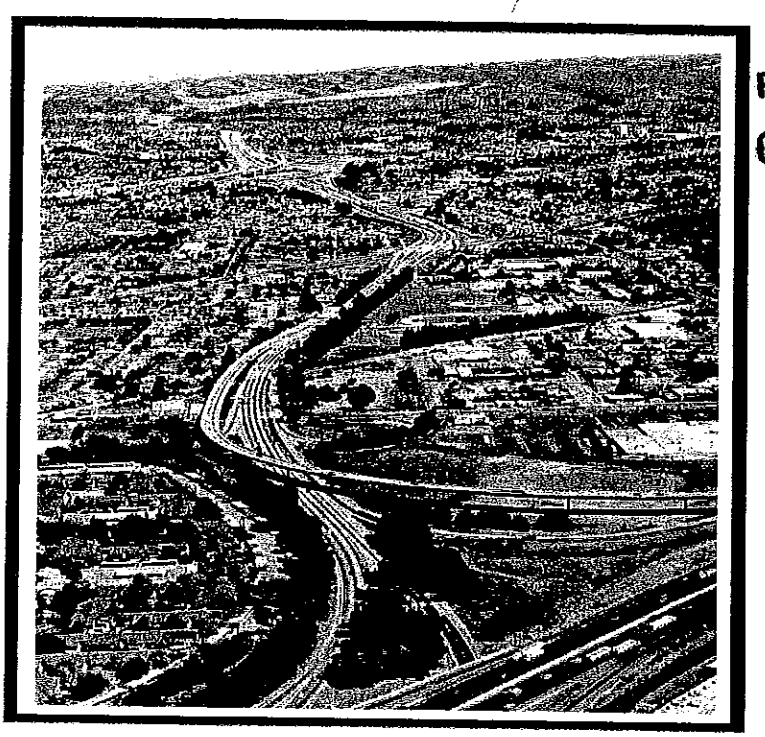

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Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to widen Route 238 from four lanes to six lanes between the Route 580/238 Interchange and the Route 238/880 interchange in and near San Leandro, Alameda County. The purpose of the project is to improve operations and enhance safety. Other proposed improvements include restriping to include an auxiliary lane on southbound I-880 between the A Street Undercrossing and the Route 238/880 Interchange.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study and determines from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The project will not significantly impact fish, plant life, or wildlife; nor will it significantly impact any rare or endangered species.
2. No historic or archaeological sites or structures of architectural or engineering significance will be affected.
3. The project will not affect neighborhoods, social, or educational facilities, or the economy of the area.
4. There will be no significant impacts upon the aesthetic features of the area.
5. The project will not affect any important farmland, any floodplain, or any wetlands.
6. The potential for geologic or seismic hazards will not be increased by the project.
7. The project is compatible with local, regional and state land use planning and will not introduce any new pattern of land use or any growth in the area. It will not alter present patterns of traffic circulation or movement.
8. The project will have no significant impacts to cultural resources, noise, air, or water quality. The project will not change the rate of use of any natural resources.

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