



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a NEGATIVE DECLARATION and ANNOUNCEMENT of VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING (Study Results Available)

Do you want to comment on changes proposed to State Route 65,
State Route 198, and State Route 245 near Lindsay and Exeter
in Tulare County?

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the Tulare County Association of Governments is proposing several operational improvements on various state routes in Tulare County. These improvements include construction of a roundabout at the junction of State Route 198 and State Route 245 near the City of Exeter, construction of a roundabout on State Route 65 near Tulare Road in the City of Lindsay, and a realignment of State Route 65 near Lindsay from Avenue 224 (Lindmore Street) to just east of Cedar Avenue. The proposed realignment near Lindsay would include construction of two roundabouts on the new alignment.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read, and to provide information on the public hearing.

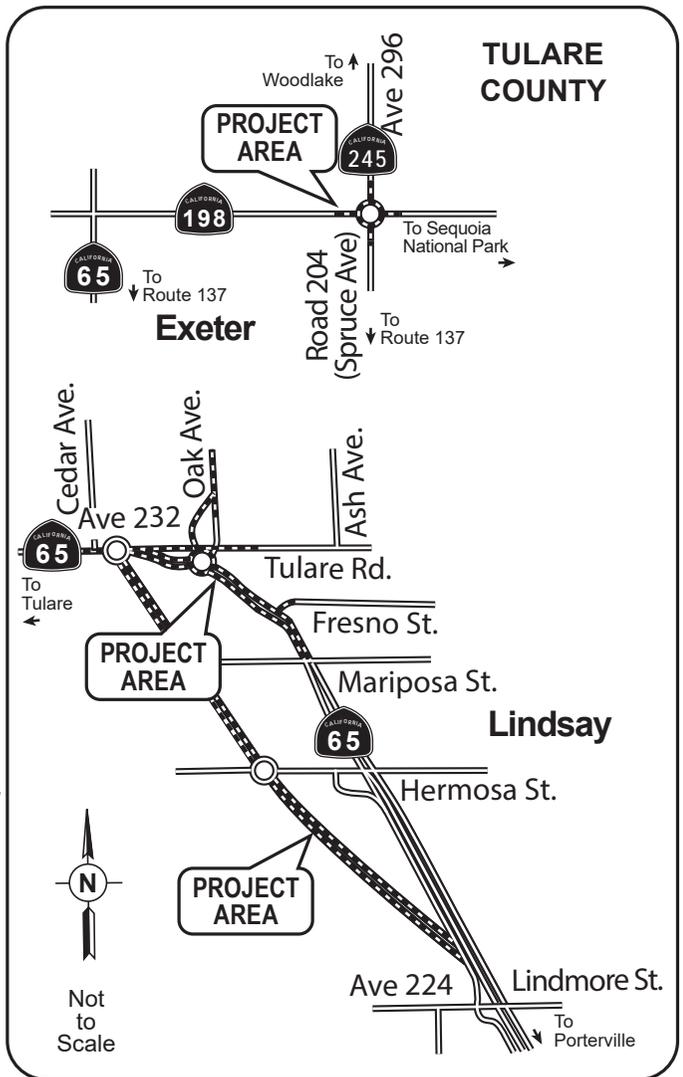
WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration is available for review at:

- Online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>
- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA
- A virtual public hearing will be held on September 9, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from August 26, 2020 to September 24, 2020. If there are no major comments Caltrans will proceed with the project.



A virtual public hearing has been prepared instead of an in-person public hearing. Information on the virtual public hearing is available at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments by U.S. mail no later than September 24, 2020 to Caltrans, Attn: Richard Putler, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721, by email at richard.putler@dot.ca.gov, or contact Richard Putler by phone at (559) 445-5286. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project design.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or to request a copy of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration, please contact Richard Putler, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 445-5286 or by email at richard.putler@dot.ca.gov. For information on other State Highway projects, please contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Affairs Office at (559) 444-2409 or visit the Caltrans District 6 website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language, interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Affairs Office by email: D6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone: (559) 444-2409. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may call 1-800-735-2929 or contact the California Relay Service TTY voice line by dialing 711.