



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation (Study Results Available) and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for Merced County?

Seismic Restoration Project in Merced County

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from February 15, 2019 through March 31, 2019. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to seismically retrofit seven bridges in Merced County on State Routes 59, 140 and 152 to increase the structural integrity of the bridges in case of a seismic event. The project also proposes to widen the Los Banos Creek bridge on State Route 140 and upgrade the bridge rails to current standards.

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. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation, which is now available for you to read and comment on, and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at:

- Caltrans District 10 office at 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205 (Weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
- Los Banos Branch Public Library at 1312 Seventh Street, Los Banos, CA 93635
- Merced County Library at 2100 O Street, Merced, CA 95340
- The document can also be downloaded at the following website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d10/projects.html>

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

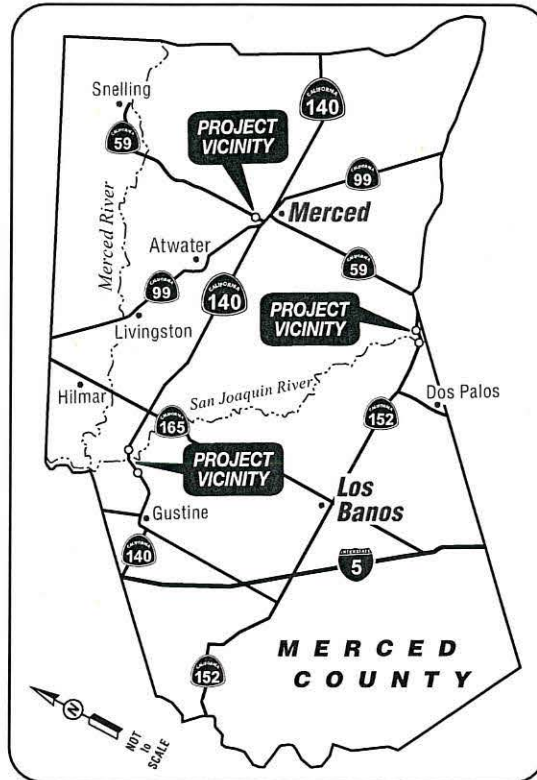
Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing via U.S. mail to: Jennifer Lugo, Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Environmental Analysis Branch, California Department of Transportation, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721. Submit comments via email to: jennifer.lugo@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is February 15, 2019. Deadline for comments is March 31, 2019. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information on the project, please contact Robert Navarro, Project Manager, at (559) 243-3468 or by email at robert.navarro@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Jennifer Lugo, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 445-6172 or by email at jennifer.lugo@dot.ca.gov. For all other State Highway matters, contact the District 10 Public Information Office at: district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or (209) 948-7977.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 10 Public Information Office at: district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or phone 209-948-7977. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.



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