



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
 Announcement of a Public Hearing for  
**Interstate 10 / Monroe Street Interchange Project**  
 Study Results Available



<p><b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?</b></p>	<p>The City of Indio (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of Riverside (County), propose to reconstruct and improve the Interstate 10 (I-10)/Monroe Street interchange. The project is located on I-10 between the Jefferson Street and Jackson Street interchanges. Three alternatives are being evaluated: Alternative 1 (No Build Alternative), Alternative 2 (Tight Diamond Interchange), and Alternative 4 (Diverging Diamond Interchange). Proposed Improvements include: reconstructing existing on- and off-ramps, the I-10/Monroe Street bridge overcrossing and the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel bridge; adding an eastbound auxiliary lane between the Monroe Street and Jackson Street interchanges; adding acceleration and deceleration lanes at the westbound Monroe Street on- and off-ramps and a deceleration lane at the eastbound Monroe Street off-ramp.</p>
<p><b>WHY THIS AD?</b></p>	<p>The team (City, County, and 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 Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (Draft IS/EA) report outlines why the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft IS/EA and of its availability for you to read. A public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans, City and County staff before the report is finalized and a final design is selected.</p>
<p><b>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</b></p>	<p>The Draft IS/EA and other project information is available for review and copying by appointment at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indio City Hall - Public Works Counter:</b> 100 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201 (M-F 8 am - 5 pm). Please call (760) 391-4017 to make an appointment.</li> </ul> <p>An electronic copy (PDF file format) of the IS/EA can be obtained from the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Indio's website as follows: <a href="http://www.indio.org/">http://www.indio.org/</a></li> <li>• County of Riverside's website as follows: <a href="https://reprojects.org/monroe-st-interchange">https://reprojects.org/monroe-st-interchange</a></li> </ul> <p>The IS/EA can be obtained by accessing the "Government Document Review" section of the County of Riverside's library system website as follows: <a href="http://rivlib.info/website/eresources-688">http://rivlib.info/website/eresources-688</a>.</p>
<p><b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b></p>	<p>Do you have any comments about the project with an Initial Study with [Proposed] Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA)? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than <b>June 22, 2020</b> to:</p> <p>California Department of Transportation,        ATTN: Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner        464 W 4th Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, MS 823        San Bernardino, CA 92401</p> <p>or via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:Interstate10_Monroe_Int@dot.ca.gov">Interstate10_Monroe_Int@dot.ca.gov</a>. Please include "Interstate 10 Monroe" in the subject line.  <b>We will begin accepting comments on May 22, 2020.</b> If there are no major objections, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p><b>WHEN &amp; WHERE?</b></p>	<p>A virtual public hearing (open forum format with court reporter) will be held on June 9, 2020 <u>from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.</u> Details for the virtual public hearing will be provided on the City of Indio's website (<a href="http://www.indio.org/">http://www.indio.org/</a>) prior to the meeting date, and will include a webinar link with instructions. To attend without internet access, use the following call-in numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English – (253) 215-8782 and enter the Webinar ID: 953 6052 2503</li> <li>• Spanish - (872) 240-3311 and enter the Access Code: 126-113-853</li> </ul>
<p><b>CONTACT &amp; SPECIAL REQUESTS</b></p>	<p>For more information about this study or this project, please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909)383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write to Terri Kasinga, Chief, Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; (909) 383-4646; or use the California Relay Service 1-800-735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1-800-855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or 711.</p>