



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

(Study Results Available)

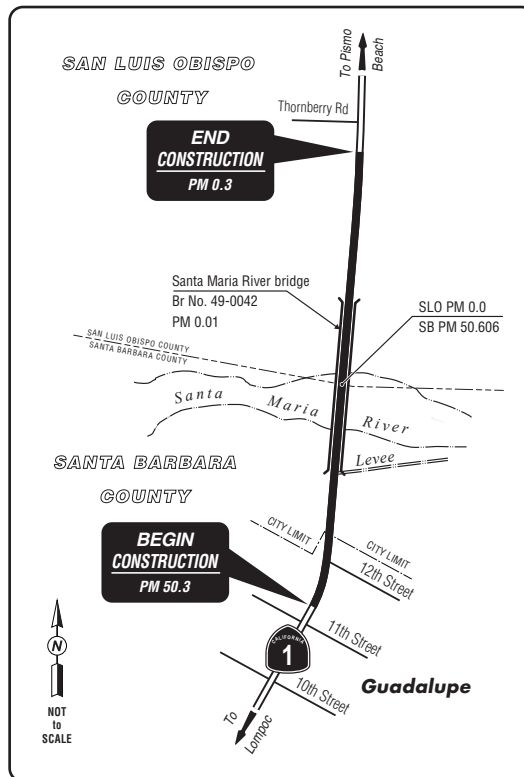
### Santa Maria River Bridge Replacement Project, State Route 1

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- Comments will be accepted from May 21, 2020 to July 2, 2020.
- The project will not offer the opportunity for a public hearing due to COVID-19.

#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the Santa Maria River Bridge on State Route 1 at the border of San Luis Obispo County and Santa Barbara County, just north of the city of Guadalupe. Past bridge inspections have found reactive aggregates on the bridge structure and scour at the bridge foundations, both of which are negatively affecting the integrity of the existing bridge. Replacing the existing bridge is the best solution to address reactive aggregates and scour issues, which will restore the reliability and function of the highway. The new bridge would be built on a new alignment next to where the existing bridge is located. The new bridge will include wider shoulders, upgraded railings, and a pedestrian pathway. The highway will remain open to traffic during project construction.



#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the surrounding environment. Our studies show that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment for the project after studying the effects that the project may have on the environment. The environmental document and study results are now available for public review.

#### WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment and other project information will be available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo, California 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment will also be available for your review online or by request.

- Online at Caltrans's District 5 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>

#### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study outlined in the draft environmental document? Would you care to make any comments on the project? Would you like to request a printed copy of the document or study results? Please submit your comments and request no later than July 2, 2020 by U.S. mail to Caltrans, Attention: Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or to [matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov) for emails. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information on the Santa Maria River Bridge Replacement project, please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, by email at [matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-542-4603. For information on other state highway projects, please contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office at 805-549-3318 or visit Caltrans' District 5 website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>

#### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (document in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs office by email at: [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-549-3318. 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.