

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and OPPORTUNITY for a PUBLIC HEARING

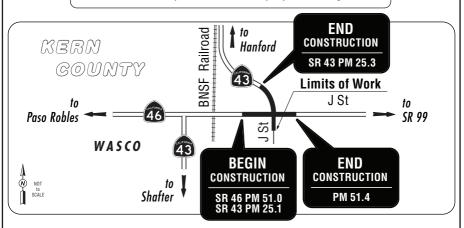
(Study Results Available)

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed at the intersection of State Route 43 and State Route 46 in Kern County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from September 24, 2021 to October 24, 2021

If there are no major comments or requests for a hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to build a single-lane roundabout on a two-lane roundabout footprint at post miles 25.1/25.3 on State Route 43 and at the east junction intersection with State Route 46 post miles 51.0/51.4 in Kern County. Planned improvements include an upgraded intersection lighting system, upgraded flashing beacon system, drainage system elements and a traffic monitoring system.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is also available at the following:

- Online at this website: https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6
- Wasco Branch Library, 1102 7th Street, Wasco, California 93280, Monday and Tuesday, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- If you prefer that a printed copy or a Compact Disc of the document be sent to your home, please email Haesun Lim, Senior Environmental Planner, at haesun.a.lim@dot.ca.gov

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? 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 requests for a public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than October 24, 2021, to Caltrans, Central Region Environmental Planning Division, Attention: Haesun Lim, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726; or by email to haesun.a.lim@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is September 24, 2021. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Haesun Lim, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 970-2348 or by email at haesun.a.lim@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at (559) 444-2409 or by email at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov.

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 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 444-2409. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.