

PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 1 in Santa Cruz County?



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from from June 28 to July 30, 2022.

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 repair or replace 18 culverts to improve existing drainage systems on State Route 1 in Santa Cruz County from post mile 0.0 to post mile 7.94. The project would also add six maintenance vehicle pullouts, one changeable message sign, one location for paving beyond the gore, multiple locations for traffic monitoring and management systems, and highway lighting at six locations along State Route 1 from post mile 101.50 in Monterey County to post mile 7.94 in Santa Cruz County. Project activities would occur in multiple work locations along State Route 1.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project would 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 virtual public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

 $The \ Initial \ Study \ with \ Proposed \ Mitigated \ Negative \ Declaration \ and \ other \ project \ information \ is \ available \ at:$

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Online at: https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/
- Printed copies of the document can be provided upon request

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 virtual public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than July 30, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is June 28, 2022.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Lara Bertaina, Senior Environmental Planner, at 805-779-0792 or by email at lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@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 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. 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.