

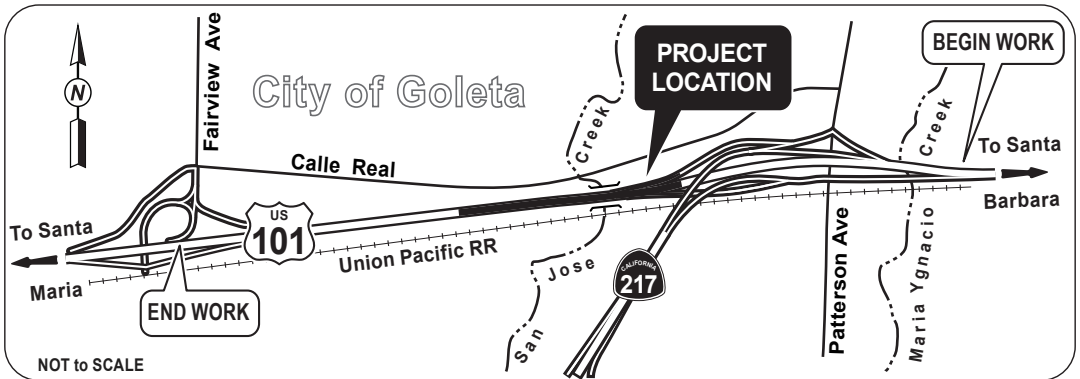


PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Study Results Available)

U.S. 101 San Jose Creek Bridge Replacement



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from Monday April 13, 2020 and end Wednesday May 27, 2020

- We are making public comment period longer due to covid-19.

The project will not offer the opportunity for a public hearing

- Due to COVID-19 and to avoid public gatherings. No State/Federal legal requirements to offer or hold a public hearing.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the San Jose Creek Bridge in Santa Barbara County on U.S. 101 at post mile 21.6. The project is within the City of Goleta. The concrete portion of the bridge contains reactive aggregate, which may weaken the bridge's structural integrity. Replacing the bridge is the best solution to address the reactive aggregate and to ensure the function and reliability of the highway. The new bridge will be designed as a single-span structure that will meet current bridge standards. The project will also upgrade railing, improve habitat conditions, and improve hydrologic conditions.

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. More information regarding this finding is included in Caltrans' Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment. The draft environmental document was previously distributed to the public; public comments were accepted from December 13, 2019 to January 17, 2019. Based on the public comments received, Caltrans has revised the draft environmental document and is recirculating it to the public. The results of the study are also available for the public to review.

WHAT'S 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 St. in San Luis Obispo, CA 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' 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 set forth in the draft environmental document? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like to request a printed copy of the document? Please submit your written comments no later than May 27, 2020 by U.S. mail to Caltrans, Attention: Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or 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, please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, by email at: 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 (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office by email: info-d5@dot.ca.gov or by phone: (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.