

PUBLIC NOTICE (UPDATE)

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

SR-79 Construct Shoulders and Rumble Strips Project

EA 08-1G670 (PN 0816000049)



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct eight-foot paved shoulders, install rumble strips, and widen the Temecula Creek Bridge (BR# 56-0188) on State Route 79 (SR-79) from Post Mile (PM) 5.4 to 11.4 in the County of Riverside. Because of the existing conditions along the roadway, widening of the shoulders will require constructing retaining walls and soil nail walls at various locations within the project limits. Adding eight-foot paved shoulders on SR-79 would provide space for vehicles to pull over if necessary and reduce the risk of being struck by trailing vehicles. In addition to the eight-foot paved shoulders, the installation of rumble strips on the centerline and outside shoulders of SR-79 would assist in keeping drivers within the traveled way to avoid potential collisions and hitting fixed objects.
WHY THIS NOTICE?	This notice is a follow up to the previous notice to advise you of changes to the scheduled public meeting as a result of concerns regarding the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
WHEN & WHERE?	The previous meeting originally scheduled for March 26, 2020 at the Temecula Conference Center has been <u>cancelled</u> . Instead, Caltrans will be hosting a virtual webinar on <u>April 1, 2020</u> from <u>5 p.m. to 7 p.m.</u> The webinar can be accessed on the day of the meeting using the following link: https://tinyurl.com/SR79Webinar . You can also participate via phone by dialing (631) 992-3221, Access Code: 848-602-100. Spanish translation services will be provided during the webinar by dialing in via phone to (872) 240-3212, Access Code: 674-904-005.
WHAT'S AVAILABLE?	Copies of the approved <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i> , including associated maps, are available for review during regular business hours at Caltrans District 8, 464 West 4 th Street, 6 th Floor, MS 823, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400. Additional copies of the <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i> can be obtained by contacting Kourtney Graves, Associate Environmental Planner, via phone at (909) 383-6324 or via email at Kourtney.Graves@dot.ca.gov .
WHERE YOU COME IN	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i> ? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>IS with (Proposed MND)/EA</i> ? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We would like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments in the comment section during the virtual webinar or in writing to the following address no later than <u>April 10, 2020</u> to: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Renetta Cloud Senior Environmental Planner 464 West 4 th Street, 6 th Floor, MS 823 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400 or via email to RIV-79_Construct_Shoulders@dot.ca.gov . Please include "SR-79 Construct Shoulders and Install Rumble Strips Project" in the subject line. If you would like to request American Sign Language translation services for the virtual webinar, please call, mail, or email the contacts provided above prior to the webinar date. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
CONTACT	For more information about this study or project, 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, call or write to Terri Kasinga, Chief, Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4 th Street, 6 th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (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) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.