

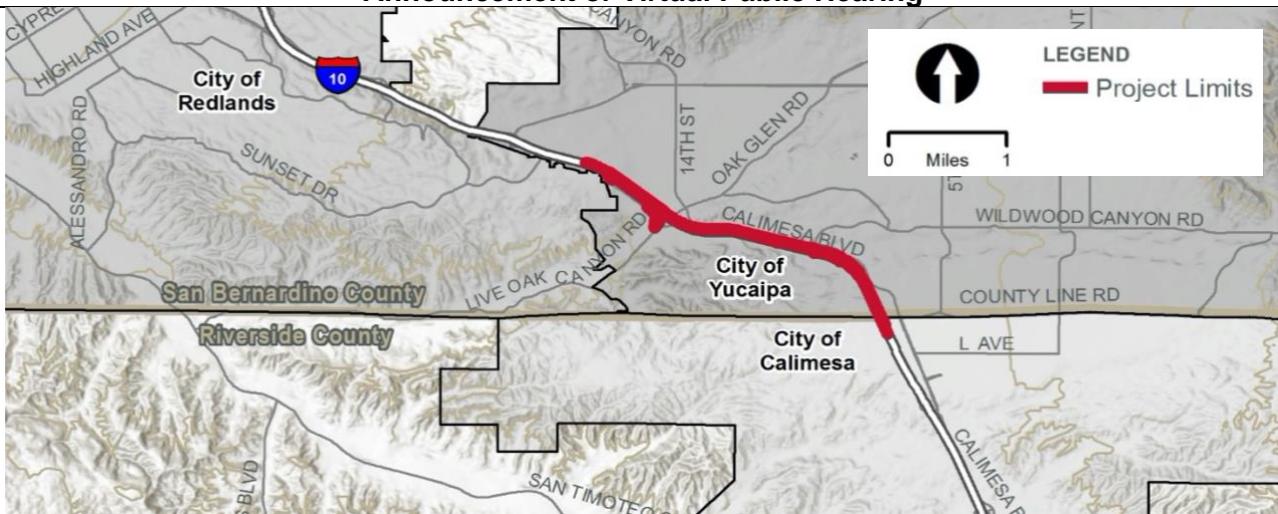


PUBLIC NOTICE

Interstate 10 (I-10) Eastbound (EB) Truck Climbing Lane (TCL) Improvement Project



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Announcement of Virtual Public Hearing



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED? The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to extend the eastbound (EB) truck climbing lane (TCL) on Interstate 10 (I-10) from the existing EB off-ramp at Live Oak Canyon Road located in the City of Yucaipa, San Bernardino County, California to just east of the existing County Line Road EB off-ramp at the Riverside County line (Project) in the City of Calimesa. The extension of the existing TCL for approximately an additional 3-miles, which includes steep uphill portions, would improve operations on the interstate by separating trucks and other slow moving vehicles from faster moving passenger vehicles. This Project would reduce conflicts between automobiles and slow-moving trucks, and reduce the frequency of truck-related accidents.

WHY THIS AD? Caltrans has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains what is called a *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment*. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment* and of its availability for you to read, and offer you the opportunity to attend a virtual public meeting, or to provide comments.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE? In light of social distancing and stay-at-home orders issued by the Governor as a result of COVID-19, maps for the *Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment* and other project information will be available in hard copy at the following locations (document available during normal business hours; please call to confirm, as hours may be subject to change):

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
1170 W. Third Street, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92410
Phone: (909) 884-8276

City of Yucaipa, Public Works Counter
34272 Yucaipa Boulevard
Yucaipa, CA 92399
Phone: (909) 797-2489

In addition, the documents will be available for review electronically on the SBCTA website via the project web page:

- SBCTA I-10 Truck Climbing Lanes Project Website:
gosbcta.com/i10truckclimbing

WHERE YOU COME IN: Do you have any comments about processing the project with a *Mitigated Negative Declaration* and the *Initial Study/Environmental Assessment*? 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? **The public comment period will commence on Friday, July 3rd and all comments must be received no later than Monday, August 3, 2020.**

Comments may be submitted via email to D8.1F760.Comments@dot.ca.gov with the subject line “Comments on I-10 EB TCL IS(MND)/EA – (EA 1F7600)” or mailed in writing to:

Antonia Toledo, Senior Environmental Planner
California Department of Transportation, District 8
Environmental Studies Branch D
464 West Fourth Street, 6th Floor, MS 820
San Bernardino, California 92401-1400

If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project’s design.

WHEN AND WHERE: A virtual presentation and Q&A will be held live on the Zoom platform, **Wednesday, July 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is being held virtually due to social distancing considerations. Please note, questions submitted during the presentation Q&A will not be part of the official comment record. **Formal comments must be submitted via email or in writing per the instructions outlined in the previous section.** For more information, including detailed instructions on how to access the virtual meeting, please visit the Project website: gosbcta.com/i10truckclimbing.

To participate in the meeting using a landline telephone:

- Dial: (669) 900-6833
Meeting ID: 827 2399 2373
Password: 049153

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact SBCTA, Attention: Tim Watkins, phone number (877) 55-SBCTA, at least 7 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may use the California Relay Service 1-800-735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (From or to Speech to Speech), or dial 711.

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CONTACT: For more information about this project, please contact Tim Watkins at (877) 55-SBCTA or info@gosbcta.com.

Thank you for your interest in this project.