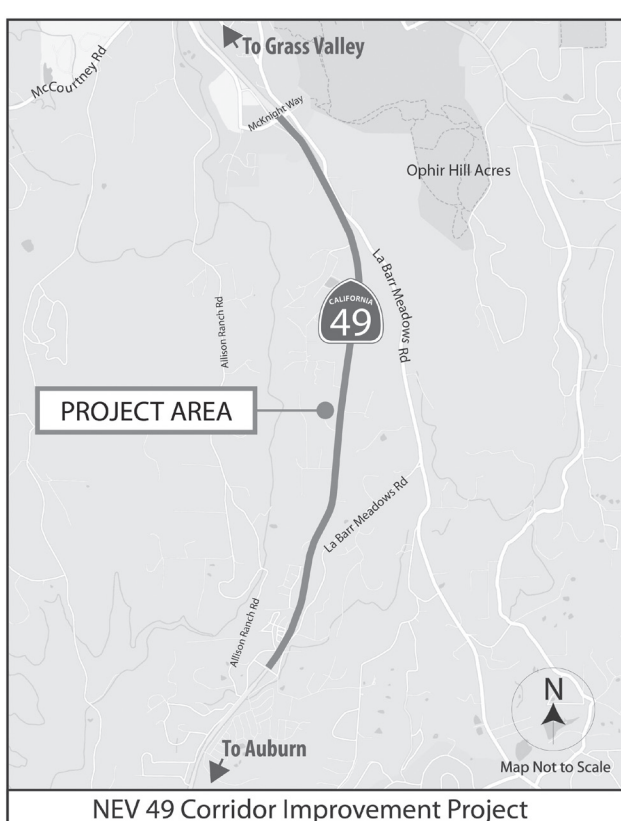


**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEVADA-49 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN GRASS VALLEY****WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED:**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in coordination with Nevada County Transportation Commission, proposes to improve safety, operations, and mobility on State Route (SR) 49 in Nevada County from post mile 10.8 to R13.3. Project improvements include the addition of northbound and southbound truck climbing lanes, a 14'-22' median with barrier, 8'-10' shoulders, right turn lanes, two at-grade access-controlled intersections, improvements to vertical curve sight distance, a 12' x 12' animal crossing, and improvements from the Nevada County Active Transportation Plan, which identifies SR 49 as needing Class III bicycle facilities and providing adequate shoulders for disabled vehicles and California Highway Patrol enforcement activities. This project will be built in three phases of construction based on funding availability.

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE:**

The Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment is the Draft Environmental Document for the project in which Caltrans has studied the effects the project may have on the environment. Our studies conclude that the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The document is available for public review from **August 25, 2021 to October 8, 2021**. Please submit your comments by **October 8, 2021**. The document may be viewed at the following locations:

**Caltrans District 3**

703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901

**Madelyn Helling Library**

980 Helling Way  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**Nevada County Offices**

(Public Kiosk - Main Lobby)

950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**Grass Valley Library**

207 Mill Street  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

**Auburn Library**

350 Nevada Street  
Auburn, CA 95603

The document is also available on the web at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs>

**INVITING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:**

We'd like to hear what you think about the proposed project. Whether you live, work, and/or commute along this section of SR 49, this meeting will give the public a forum to convey information and/or ideas for the Nevada 49 Corridor Improvement Project. The public is an important part of the process of building a better community and we welcome your valued input.

Caltrans is committed to the safety and well-being of our community members, employees, and their families. In light of the developments regarding COVID-19, we are proposing a virtual open house event intended for community members to view displays, review and comment on the environmental document and speak with Caltrans staff members about the project. To keep the public informed, the virtual open house will be held on **Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Public members may join the event from a computer, mobile device, or telephone.

**WEBEX:**

**Log in** to view the virtual presentation at: <https://bit.ly/3fLUAq2>; a WebEx account is not required. Meeting number 1462 01 4661; passcode 49corridor.

**Listen in** by phone at 1-408-418-9388. Please enter meeting number 146 201 4661##

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**CONFERENCE CALL:**

Connect directly with a Caltrans staff member by dialing 1-888-570-6350, participant code 4170217. Please note that you will not be able to view the presentation or interact with presenters. A Caltrans staff member will be available to pass along any questions or comments. Community members will be able to ask questions or submit questions/concerns via email or postal mail.

**COMMENTS:**

We welcome your comments.

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**All comments must be received by: October 8, 2021.**

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

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