



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

## Interstate 40 Bridge Scour Mitigation



<p><b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED</b></p>	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to mitigate the scour underneath the Halfway Hills Wash Bridge on Interstate 40 (I-40) by retrofitting the north and south bridges with outrigger bents or replace the existing bridges. The lane configurations will remain the same. The project is at Post Mile (PM) R100.8/R101.8 in San Bernardino County, near Essex.</p>
<p><b>WHY THIS AD?</b></p>	<p>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 why is called an <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i>. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i> and of its availability for you to read, and to also offer the opportunity to request a public hearing or to provide comments, and the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration.</p>
<p><b>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</b></p>	<p>Copies of the <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)</i>, including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email (<a href="mailto:I40HalfwayHillsWashBridgeProject@dot.ca.gov">I40HalfwayHillsWashBridgeProject@dot.ca.gov</a>) or via phone at (909)501-5743.</p>
<p><b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b></p>	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration</i>? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration</i>? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments via email or in writing, no later than December 14, 2020 to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">California Department of Transportation          ATTN: Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner          464 W. 4th Street, MS 827          San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;          or via email to <a href="mailto:I40HalfwayHillsWashBridgeProject@dot.ca.gov">I40HalfwayHillsWashBridgeProject@dot.ca.gov</a>          Please use "I-40 Bridge Scour Mitigation" in the subject line of the email.</p> <p>The date we will begin accepting comments is November 10, 2020. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>
<p><b>CONTACT</b></p>	<p>For more information about this project please 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 Shawn Oriaz, Senior Environmental Planner, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 827, San Bernardino, California 92401-1400; (909)501-5743; or 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.</p>