



PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE of AVAILABILITY of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation and Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing

State Route 9 Post Miles 1.0 and 4.0 Permanent Restoration Project in Santa Cruz County

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

Caltrans is planning to construct two sidehill viaducts along State Route 9 between the City of Santa Cruz and the community of Felton. The viaducts are proposed at post mile 1.0 just north of Santa Cruz and post mile 4.0 just south of the entrance to Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. In these areas, landslides caused by heavy rainstorms have damaged the highway. The proposed project would restore the highway and stabilize the overly steep slopes.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effect this project may have on the environment. Our studies show that the proposed project would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the effects of this project is called an Initial Study. This notice is to 1) tell you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration, which is now available for you to read and comment on, 2) offer you the opportunity to request a public hearing, and 3) inform you of our intent to adopt a Negative Declaration.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document is also available online at the Caltrans District 5 website (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>). Paper copies of the document can be provided upon request.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study or have additional information that should be included? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like to request a public hearing? We would like to hear what you think.

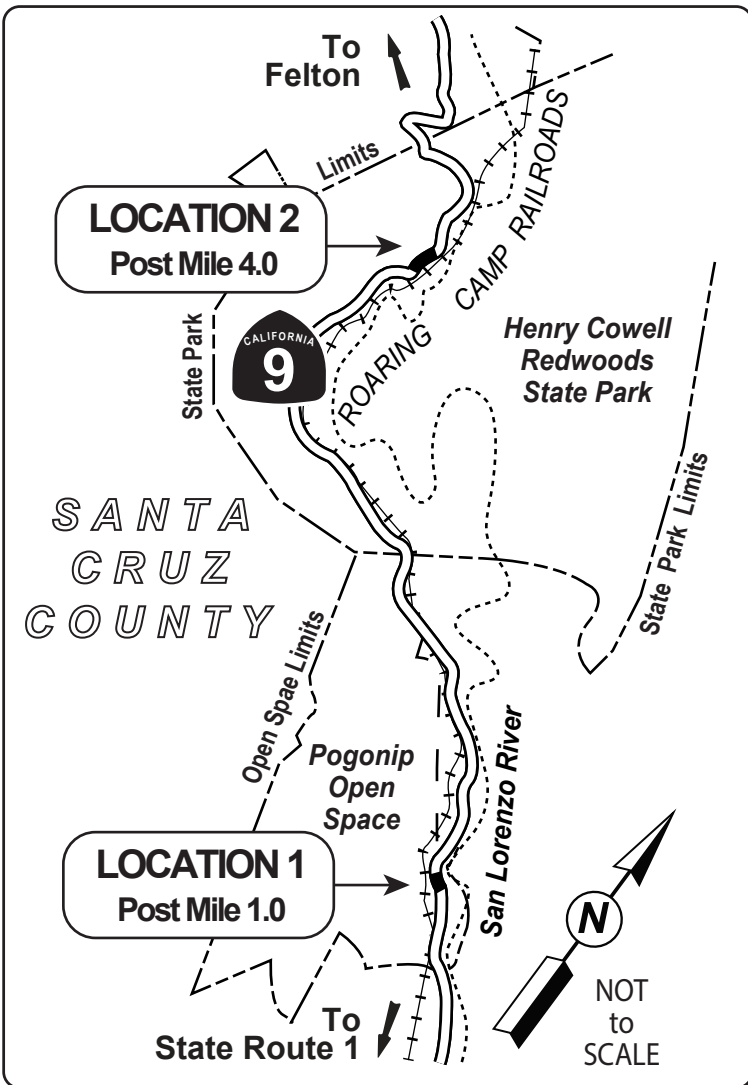
Please submit your comments in writing no later than December 7, 2020 to Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. Comments will be addressed in the final environmental document.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3111 or info-d5@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (e.g., American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate forms, etc.) are requested to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3111. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711.



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