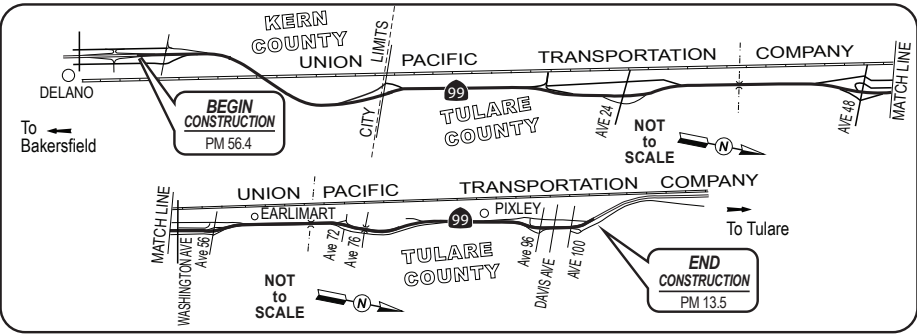




PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Availability of DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (Study Results Available) and ANNOUNCEMENT of an OPEN HOUSE Delano to Pixley 6-Lane With Pavement Rehabilitation



WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: April 5, 2023 **Location:** La Vina Middle School, Cafeteria, 1331 Browning Road, Delano, CA 93215
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve a segment on State Route 99 from a 4-lane highway to a 6-lane highway and rehabilitate the existing lanes. The project begins in Kern County in the City of Delano at post mile 56.4 and ends at post mile 13.5, approximately 0.2 mile north of Avenue 100 (Court Avenue) in the community of Pixley in Tulare County.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to inform you of the completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read and comment on. A 45-day public review period will begin on March 24, 2023, and end on May 8, 2023. During this period, an open house will be held to give you an opportunity to discuss the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (Particulate Matter 10 and Particulate Matter 2.5) required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (Particulate Matter 10 and Particulate Matter 2.5) as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 93.123(b)(1). A detailed Particulate Matter 10 and Particulate Matter 2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis. Please submit comments for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment or the project-level conformity analysis by May 8, 2023.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Beginning on March 24, 2023, you can look at or obtain the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment at the Caltrans District Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment will also be available for review at:

- Pixley Branch Library, 927 South Center Street, Suite B, Pixley, California 93256, Tuesday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Delano Branch Library, 925 10th Avenue, Delano, California 93215, Wednesday through Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The District 6 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/District-6/district-6-projects/06-0w790>
- If you prefer that a printed copy, email copy, or compact disk of the document be sent to your home, contact Javier Almaguer at 559-287-9320 or by email at javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov.

An open house will be held on April 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the La Vina Middle School Cafeteria at 1331 Browning Road, Delano, California 93215.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment, you may submit your written comments to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Javier Almaguer, Senior Environmental Scientist, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov, or on the District 6 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/District-6/district-6-projects/06-0w790>.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Project Manager Anand Kapoor at 559-240-9032 or by email at anand.kapoor@dot.ca.gov. If you are unable to attend the meeting but still want to provide written comments, you can send them by U.S. mail to Javier Almaguer, Senior Environmental Scientist, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2409.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2409 at least 10 days before the scheduled meeting date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711 (1-800-855-3000 for Spanish version).