



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and OPPORTUNITY for a PUBLIC HEARING

(Study Results Available)

Do you want a public hearing for the State Route 99 Widening Project in Madera County?

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to widen State Route 99 in Madera County from just north of Avenue 7 to Avenue 12 (post miles 0.1 to 8.1). One lane would be built in each direction in the highway median to create a six-lane highway. Also, the existing lanes and shoulders of State Route 99 would be rehabilitated, and a concrete median barrier would be installed along with an auxiliary lane at the Avenue 12 northbound off-ramp.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

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 the reason for this determination is called an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. This public notice is to inform you that an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment for the project is now available for you to review and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing. 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 (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Beginning February 10, 2021, the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment will be available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District Office at 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Madera County Public Library at 121 North G Street, Madera, CA 93637, Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for seniors and individuals needing special accommodations, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Madera County Government Center at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA, 93637, by appointment only through the Madera County Public Works Department at (559) 675-7811 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- This document can also be downloaded at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment? Would you care to make any other comment on the project? Do you want a public hearing regarding changes proposed by the project? Please submit your comments in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than March 11, 2021 to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Richard Putler, Senior Environmental Planner, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721, or email richard.putler@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is February 10, 2021. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, at (559) 243-3588, or by email at anand.kapoor@dot.ca.gov or Richard Putler, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 445-5286 or by email at richard.putler@dot.ca.gov. For other state highway matters, please contact the District 6 Public Affairs Office 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 Affairs Office by email: D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov or by phone: (559) 444-2409. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may call 1-800-735-2929 or contact the California Relay Service TTY voice line by dialing 711.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from February 10, 2021 to March 11, 2021.

If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project design.

