



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Solomon Canyon Rumble Strip/Shoulder Widening on State Route 1 in Santa Barbara County

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted until March 19, 2021. The public comment period has been extended two weeks beyond the original date based on recent availability of supporting documentation. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to reduce the number and severity of roadway departure collisions in Santa Barbara County on State Route 1 from Solomon Road near the town of Orcutt to its intersection with State Route 166 in the city of Guadalupe. The proposed project would widen shoulders, install edge-line rumble strips, raise the profile of the road at two critical points, extend the existing culverts, and relocate utility poles and other fixed objects to outside the clear recovery zone. The project will require right-of-way acquisition, utility easements, and construction easements.

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 why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to tell you that the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is now available for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you the opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 South Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document can be viewed on the web at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d5/> and is also available at the following locations:

- Guadalupe Branch Library at 4719 W. Main Street, Suite D, Guadalupe, CA 93434
- Orcutt Branch Library at 175 S. Broadway, Orcutt, CA 93455
- Santa Maria Public Library at 421 McClelland Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like to request a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing in writing no later than March 19, 2021 to Caltrans, Attn: Jason Wilkinson, District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project design.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or to request a copy of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Jason Wilkinson, Senior Environmental Planner, at (805) 540-9165 or jason.wilkinson@dot.ca.gov. For other transportation matters, call the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language, interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929.

