

PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration Announcement for a Public Hearing for Interstate 10/Jackson Street Interchange Project Study Results Available



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The City of Indio (City), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the County of Riverside (County), propose to reconstruct and improve the Interstate 10 (I-10)/Jackson Street interchange. The project is located on I-10 between the Monroe Street and Golf Center Parkway interchanges. Three alternatives are being evaluated: Alternative 1 (No Build Alternative), Alternative 2 (Compact Diamond Interchange), and Alternative 4 (Diverging Diamond Interchange). Proposed Improvements include: reconstruction of the Whitewater Bridge structure, construction of two access ramps to the Coachella Valley Link recreational facility, widening of Jackson Street between Kenner Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, realignment and widening of the I-10 eastbound and westbound on- and off-ramps, addition of the westbound auxiliary lane preceding the Jackson Street westbound off-ramp, and installation of planned ramp meters on the eastbound and westbound I-10 ramps.

WHY THIS AD?

The team (City, County, and Caltrans) has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (Draft IS/EA) report outlines why the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft IS/EA and its availability for you to read. A public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans, City, and County staff before the report is finalized and a final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft IS/EA and other project information is available for review and copying by appointment at:

- **Indio City Hall - Public Works Counter:** 100 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201 (M-F 8 a.m.–5 p.m.). Please call (760) 391-4017 to make an appointment.

An electronic copy (PDF file) of the Draft IS/EA can be obtained from the:

- City of Indio's website at: <http://www.indio.org>
- County of Riverside's website at: <https://rcprojects.org/jackson>

WHERE YOU COME IN!

Do you have any comments about the project with an Initial Study with [Proposed] Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA)? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than **March 26, 2021** to:

California Department of Transportation
ATTN: Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner
464 W 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823
San Bernardino, CA 92401

or via email to: Interstate10_Jackson_Int@dot.ca.gov. Please include "Interstate 10 Jackson" in the subject line.

We will begin accepting comments on February 24, 2021. If there are no major objections, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN & WHERE?

A virtual public hearing (open forum format with court reporter) will be held on March 10, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Details for the virtual public hearing will be provided on the City of Indio's website (<http://www.indio.org>) prior to the meeting date, and will include a webinar link with instructions. To attend without internet access, use the following call-in number:

- (833) 548-0276 and enter the Webinar ID: 895-9815-1516

CONTACT & SPECIAL REQUESTS

For more information about this study or 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, please call or write to Terri Kasinga, Chief, Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4th Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, (909) 383-4646; or use the California Relay Service 1-800-735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1-800-855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or 711.