



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Study Results Available) And Announcement of an Open House

Tulare Six-Lane and Paige Avenue Interchange Improvement

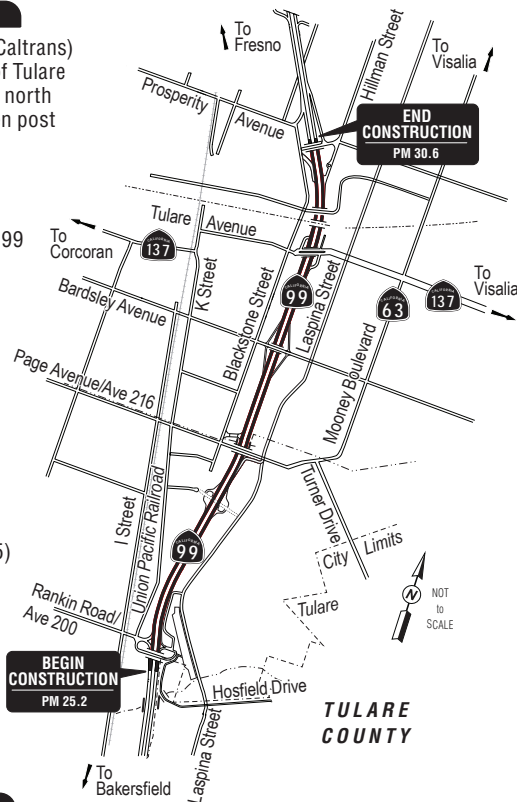
WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: April 26, 2023 **Location:** International Agri-Center - Banquet Hall
Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. 4500 South Laspina Street, Tulare, California 93274

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to widen State Route 99 in the City of Tulare from south of the Avenue 200 Overcrossing to north of the Prosperity Avenue Overcrossing between post miles 25.2 and 30.6 in Tulare County. One lane would be constructed in each direction in the existing freeway median to create a six-lane freeway. There are three design options to reconfigure the Paige Avenue and State Route 99 Interchange and two roundabouts would be constructed along Paige Avenue, one at Blackstone Street and the second at Laspina Street.

Project-level conformity analysis for air quality 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 Air Quality 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 explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Public comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.



WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. This notice is to inform you of the public review and comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA). The document is now available for you to read and comment on. This notice also provides information on an upcoming open house for the project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Beginning April 10, 2023, the Draft EIR/EA will be available for public review and comment in the following ways:

- On the Caltrans District 6 website: <http://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/District-6/>
- Via request—if you prefer a printed or emailed copy of the document be sent to your home, call Javier Almaguer at 559-287-9320 or email him at javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov
- At the open house, which will be held on April 26, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the International Agri-Center (Banquet Hall).
- At the following locations during normal business hours (along with maps for the Draft EIR/EA and other project information) available in printed format:
 - o Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728
 - o Tulare Public Library at 475 North M Street, Tulare, CA 93274

CONTACT

For more information about this project, contact Eric Karlson, Project Manager, at 559-246-7337 or by email at eric.karlson@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, Southern San Joaquin Valley Management Branch 1, 2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, or by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2518 at least 14 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or 711 (1-800-855-3000 for Spanish version).