

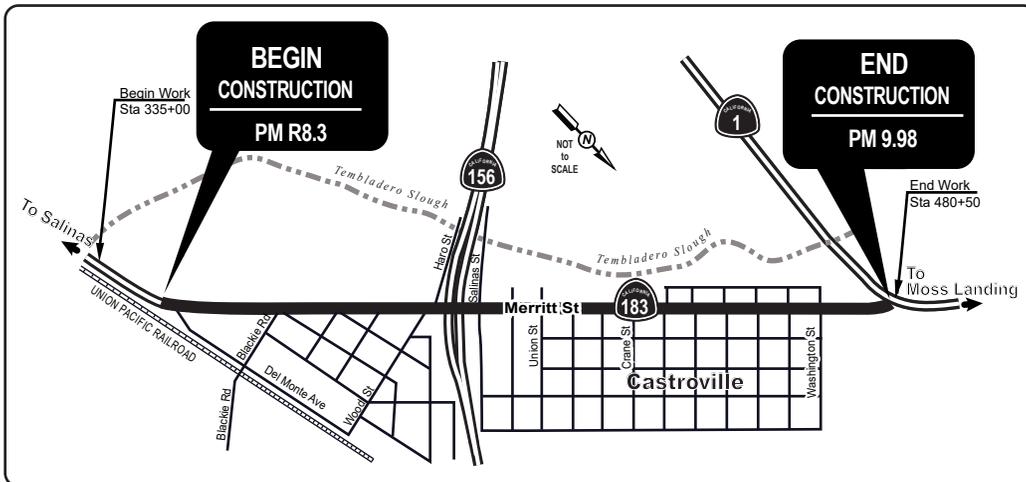


PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Announcement of Virtual Public Meeting (Study Results Available)

State Route 183 Castroville Improvement Project



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the pavement on State Route 183 (Merritt Street), through cold planing and asphalt overlay, to improve the ride quality and prevent further deterioration. The project will include maintenance work on the State Route 183/State Route 156 Separation Bridge. The project would improve accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act to address deficiencies within the project limits where feasible. Existing sidewalks would be reconstructed to improve access. New sidewalk features and crosswalks would be constructed to improve access and connectivity for pedestrians. The project would construct new public transit facilities and modify existing public transit facilities to improve access and connectivity for public transit users. A Class 2 Bikeway (bike lane) would be delineated at select locations to improve access and connectivity for bicycle users. Roadway striping would be adjusted to improve vehicle operations and traffic movement through the project limits. Existing traffic detection and traffic monitoring systems would be upgraded to improve real time traffic information. The project will require new right-of-way in order to widen Merritt Street and construct improvements to roadway and multimodal access.

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/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read and to notify you of the virtual public meeting.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and other information for this project are available for review and can be downloaded from the project's webpage located at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects>

A virtual public hearing is available on **May 26, 2021** from **5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** and will be held using the WebEx platform. For information on how to join the virtual public hearing, go to the project's webpage located at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects>

WHERE DO 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 Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is **May 7, 2021**. Please submit your comments in writing by U.S. mail or by email no later than **June 11, 2021**, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California, 93401, or at matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov for emails. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual open house, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information or to request a copy of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, by email at matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 805-542-4603. For information on other state highway projects, please visit the Caltrans District 5 website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5> or contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 805-549-3138.

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 5 Public Affairs Office by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov or by phone at (805) 549-3138. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech-to-Speech), or 711.