



PUBLIC NOTICE



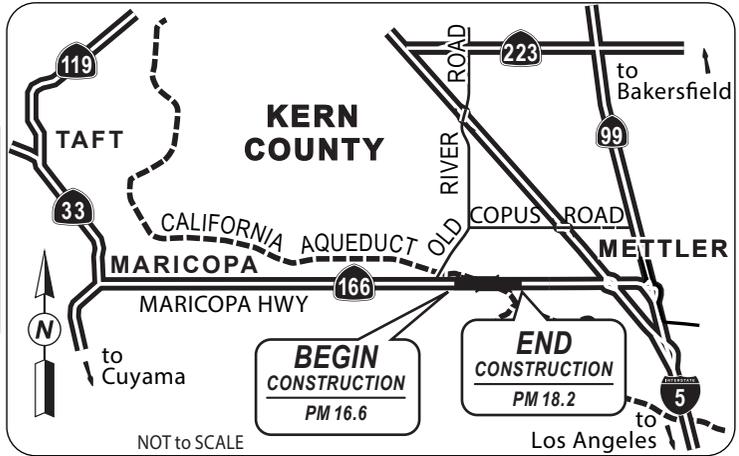
Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental (Study Results Available) Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 166?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from July 26, 2021 to September 9, 2021.

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



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to replace California Aqueduct Bridge Number 50-0323 on State Route 166 in Kern County east of Maricopa, 2.6 miles east of Old River Road and 5 miles west of Interstate 5. One or more of the alternatives being evaluated will have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Caltrans has evaluated whether adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

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/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you that an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation has been prepared and is now available for you to review and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation will be available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District Office, 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
- Online—The document can be downloaded at the following website:
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>

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 and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing regarding the proposed project? Please submit your comments or request for public hearing in writing no later than September 9, 2021. The date we will begin accepting comments is July 26, 2021. To send your comments by U.S. mail, please send to: Juergen Vespermann, Central Region Environmental, California Department of Transportation, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726 or by email to: juergen.vespermann@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT

For more information about this study, please contact Juergen Vespermann, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 832-0051 or by email at juergen.vespermann@dot.ca.gov.

For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at (559) 444-2409.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

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