



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

(Study Results Available)

and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Do you want a public hearing on a roundabout proposed in Kettleman City in Kings County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from August 18, 2021, to September 20, 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) proposes to build a dual-lane roundabout at the intersection of State Route 41 and Bernard Drive in Kettleman City from post mile 16.6 to post mile 16.9. A permanent road would be built to serve as a construction detour and reduce traffic congestion in the commercial area. The road would extend Dana Circle to the intersection of State Route 41 and Hubert Way. The Dana Circle extension, a county road, would be funded and administered by Kings County before the construction of the roundabout.

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 Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing. This project would cause temporary construction impacts to traffic that may inconvenience commuters. Additionally, this project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (particulate matter 10 and particulate matter 2.5) as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 93.123(b)(1). A detailed particulate matter 10 and particulate matter 2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because the Clean Air Act and 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration is also available at:

- Kettleman City Branch Library, 104 Becky Pease Street, Kettleman City, California 93239,

Wednesday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Online—The document can be downloaded at the following website:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects>.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a public hearing in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than September 20, 2021, to Caltrans, Attention: Juergen Vespermann, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726; or by email to juergen.vespermann@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is August 18, 2021. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information, 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 559-488-4067.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

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 6 Public Information Office at D6.Public.Info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-488-4067. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.

