

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

October 18, 2021

Subject: – Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the But -32 Rehab Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared this Initial Study (IS) with proposed Negative Declaration (ND), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Butte County on State Route 32 in Chico, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document tells you why the project is being proposed, how the existing environment could be affected by the project, the potential impacts of the project, and proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures.

Project Location: The proposed project is located on State Route (SR) 32 in Butte County, between post miles 5.0 and 10.2. The total length of the project is approximately 5.2 miles long.

Project Description: The project proposes to replace pavement, add new striping and retroreflective pavement markers, enhance bike lanes on segments of 8th and 9th Streets along the roadway, rehabilitate the drainage system currently in poor condition, improve shoulders, add Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements, repair and replace existing failed sidewalks, and install new intersection lighting and traffic signals at W Lindo Ave and Nord Ave (SR 32) and 8th /Flume and 9th/Flume Streets.

Environmental Effects: The proposed project would have *Less than Significant Impacts* with regard to air quality, aesthetics, agriculture, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, public services, transportation, utilities and service systems, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire.

Availability of Document: Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a Draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on October 19, 2021, and ending on November 18, 2021.

The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink:<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs>

Comments: Caltrans will be accepting written comments on the Draft IS ND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2021 and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation Environmental Management, M-3 Branch
703 B Street, Marysville, CA, 95901
Attn: Butte 32 Chico Rehab

Submit comments via email to: But-32.Chico.Rehab.Project@dot.ca.gov

Public Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 9, 2021 | 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Valley Contractors Exchange

951 E. 8th Street at Alder Street, Chico (Parking Lot)

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audio, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please contact:

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