



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and **OPPORTUNITY** for a **PUBLIC HEARING**

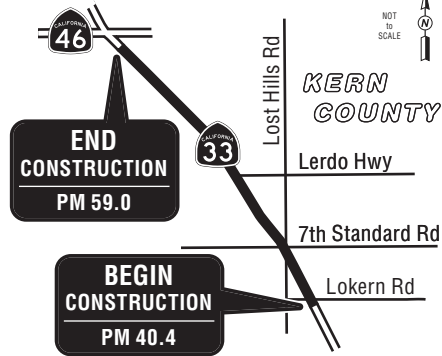
(Study Results Available)

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 33 in Kern County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from January 14, 2022 to February 14, 2022

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 cold plane 0.25 inch of existing asphalt concrete pavement and replace it with Type A hot mix after sealing cracks and repairing failed localized areas. Caltrans also plans to overlay the entire roadway with 0.10 foot of Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt Gap-Graded Bonded Wearing Course and build shoulder backing. Additionally, Caltrans proposes to upgrade Transportation Management Strategy elements and culverts within the project limits.

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.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Beginning January 14, 2022, the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information will be 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 will also be available at:

- Online: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>
- Taft Library, 27 Cougar Court, Taft, CA 93268, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Buttonwillow Library, 101 North Main Street, Buttonwillow, CA 93206, Thursday and Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE 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 February 14, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726; or by email to trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is January 14, 2022. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Sunil Gandrathi, Project Manager, at 559-383-5200, or by email at sunil.gandrathi@dot.ca.gov or Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, at 209-601-3521 or by email at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov.

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 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2409. 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.