



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

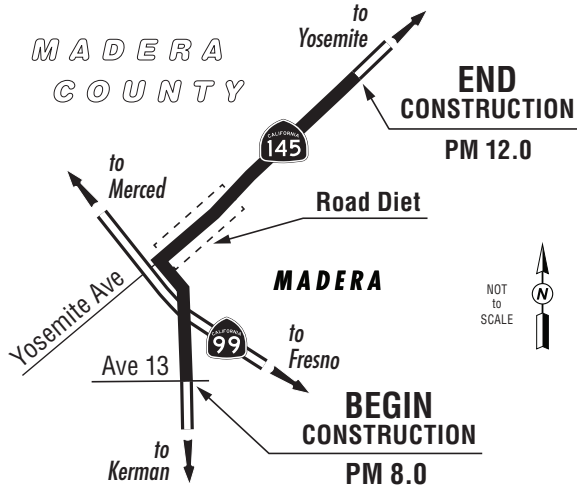
(Study Results Available)

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 145 in Madera?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from February 9, 2022 to March 11, 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) is proposing to replace distressed pavement, update existing facilities, install Complete Streets features, and implement a "Road Diet" (reducing the number of lanes from four to two from E Street to Fig Street and adding a two-way left-turn lane in the center of the roadway and Class II bike lanes on both sides of the roadway) on State Route 145 in the City of Madera in Madera County between Avenue 13 and the BNSF Railway underpass.

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 Negative Declaration. This notice is to tell 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?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 6 Office, 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Madera County Library, 121 N. G Street, Madera, CA 93937, Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The document can be downloaded at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with 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 regarding the proposed project? Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing in writing no later than March 11, 2022. The date we will begin accepting comments is February 9, 2022. To send your comments by U.S. mail, please send to: Juergen Vespermann, District 6 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 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. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.