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### Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Merced Pavement Anchor Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to perform roadway improvements along State Route 59 between post mile R0.0 and post mile R12.1 in Merced County. The existing pavement has deteriorated, resulting in poor ride quality, and requiring elevated maintenance efforts. A cold plane and overlay strategy would be used to preserve the pavement. The scope of work for the project would include repairing and replacing the existing pavement and replacing identified damaged culverts and end treatments.

There are four bridges within the project area. Three of the bridges—Owens Creek Bridge, Miles Creek Bridge, and Deadman Creek Bridge—would require barrier and block extensions, replacement of existing metal beam guardrails to the Midwest Guardrail System, and replacement of nonstandard end treatments and terminal systems. The fourth bridge, Mariposa Creek Bridge, would be removed and replaced with a higher bridge to eliminate the continuous flooding that occurs at this location. Caltrans has identified six locations where utility poles would need to be relocated.

Enclosed with this letter are electronic copies of the Draft Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft Environmental Document), Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal, and Summary Form. The draft environmental document will be publicly circulated from February 18, 2022, to March 21, 2022.

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available in the following ways:

- Online and available for viewing or download on the Caltrans District 10 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10>.
- Caltrans District 10 Office- 1976 Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, CA 95205.
- Merced County Library, 2100 O Street, Merced, CA 95340
- Los Banos Branch of Merced County Library, 1312 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Banos, CA 93635

A printed copy or a compact disk (CD) of the document and maps for the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information are available by request and can be sent to your home address.

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To request a printed copy or CD, please contact C. Scott Guidi at (209) 479-1839 or by e-mail at Scott.Guidi@dot.ca.gov

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (209) 479-1839.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

1. Draft Environmental Document
2. Notice of Completion
3. Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal
4. Public Notices (English/Spanish)