

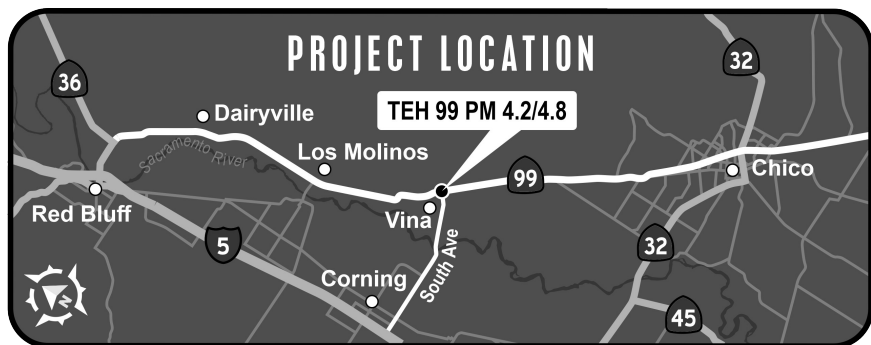


# PUBLIC NOTICE

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## South Avenue Safety Project

Notice of Availability of Study; Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Pursuant to CEQA; Notice of Intent to Adopt a Finding of No Significant Impact Pursuant to NEPA; Notice of Public Meeting



### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation, using state and federal funding, proposes to reconfigure the existing intersection of State Route 99 and South Avenue in Tehama County by replacing the existing minor leg stop-controlled only intersection with a roundabout; the limits of work on State Route 99 are from post mile 4.2 to 4.8. Other proposed improvements include extension of the box culvert that conveys Hoag Slough under State Route 99; installation of a new 45-foot-tall steel truss tower and relocating the existing closed-circuit television from the existing pole to the new tower; and installation of new flashing beacons, road signs, electroliers, storm drains, and biofiltration strips/bioswales. The project would also require acquisition of new right of way. The purpose of the project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions. The project is needed because between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2017, there were a total of 17 collisions: 11 involved injuries, and 6 were property damage only.

### WHY THIS NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. These studies indicate that the project, as proposed with mitigation, will not significantly affect the environment. Environmental factors that could potentially be affected by the project include aesthetics, agriculture and forest resources, air quality, biological resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, public services, transportation, and utilities and service systems. The report that explains this is called a Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) and was prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), respectively. The Draft IS/EA will be available for public review and comment through March 25, 2022. Based on the findings in this document, if additional information does not become available during the public review and comment period, Caltrans expects to finalize the Draft IS/EA with the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact.

This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft IS/EA and of its availability for you to review. The Draft IS/EA is being circulated for public and agency review in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines. The Draft IS/EA is available for public review from February 23, 2022 to March 25, 2022. A copy of the Draft IS/EA is available for review at the following locations: Caltrans District 2, 1657 Riverside Drive in Redding; Tehama County Library at 7881 State Highway 99E in Los Molinos; Tehama County Library at 740 3rd Street in Corning; Vina Post Office at 4750 Rowles Road in Vina.

The Draft IS/EA is also available for review at Caltrans' website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs> and at the State Clearinghouse website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>

### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

We encourage you to review the Draft IS/EA and provide any comments or information regarding the Draft IS/EA, project alternatives, or environmental issues. Please submit any comments you may have in writing by March 25, 2022 to: California Department of Transportation, Attn: Carolyn Sullivan, Caltrans District 2, 1657 Riverside Drive, MS-30, Redding, CA 96001 or Carolyn.Sullivan@dot.ca.gov

Caltrans has scheduled a public meeting for the project. The meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. via the internet and can be accessed at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-2/d2-projects/d2-south-avenue-safety-project>.

**Special Accommodations:** For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or computer disk. To obtain services or copies in an alternate format or language, please call or write to Caltrans Office of Environmental Management MS-30, Attn: Carolyn Sullivan, 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding, CA 96001; (530) 225-2928 (Voice), or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), or 711.