

Public Notice



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Study Results Available Changes Proposed for State Route 58 in Kern County Opportunity for Public Hearing

What's Being Planned: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade existing pavement, guardrail, bridge rail, median barrier, drainage, and lighting on State Route 58 from postmile 77.20 to postmile R88.56. The project will also involve realigning the curves at postmiles 77.7, 78.5, R83.2, and 87.1 as well as potential construction of a wildlife undercrossing and/or culvert modifications within the limits of the future State Route 58 Truck Climbing Lane project (Post mile 76.3 – 79.5). Constructing this mitigation structure in advance would serve to address potential impacts to wildlife habitat connectivity and movement as a result of the construction and operation of the State Route 58 truck climbing lane by enhancing habitat connectivity and promoting safe movement of wildlife under the existing highway.

Why This Ad: CALTRANS has studied and documented the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. An “Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration” report has been prepared. This notice is to inform you that the report is available for you to read and offer comments, and to notify you that an online public meeting will be offered upon request.



What's Available: You may obtain a printed copies of Project Maps, the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the Initial Study for the Keene Pavement Project during business hours at the following locations:

- CALTRANS District Office (500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514)
- Kern County Library, Tehachapi Branch, 212 S Green St, Tehachapi, CA 93561
- Online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-9/district-9-current-projects>

Where You Come In: Do you have any comments about or disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than April 28, 2022, to Cecilia Boudreau, Environmental Branch Chief - Caltrans, at 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514, or cecilia.boudreau@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is March 28, 2022. If there are no major comments, CALTRANS will proceed with the project's design.

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call CALTRANS at 1-760-872-0601. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 9 Public Affairs Office at 1-760-872-0603. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.