



# PUBLIC NOTICE



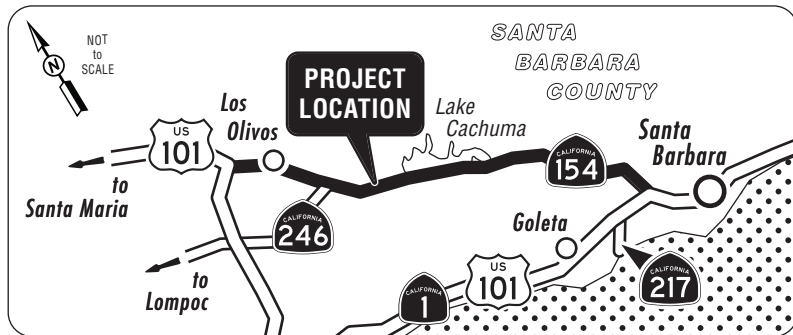
## Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and OPPORTUNITY for a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

(Study Results Available)

### Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for the State Route 154 Drainage Improvement Project in Santa Barbara County?

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **May 20, 2022 to June 17, 2022**. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public meeting, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate existing drainage systems on State Route 154 in Santa Barbara County from post mile 0.0 to post mile 32.8. The project would rehabilitate several storm drain culverts; these culverts would either be repaired or replaced. At some culvert outlets, rock slope protection would be added where none currently exist. The project would also rehabilitate the Rancho Cielo (Cold Springs) Vista Point on State Route 154 by providing a hot mix asphalt overlay to the existing driveway and parking lot. Project activities would involve vegetation clearing, vegetation replanting, temporary construction access, temporary construction staging sites, temporary traffic control, pavement repaving, and pavement restriping.

#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a virtual public hearing.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

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

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project is available for review and can be downloaded from the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>
- Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California 93101, Tuesday through Wednesday, and Friday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Goleta Valley Library, 500 North Fairview Avenue, Goleta, California 93117, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Solvang Library, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, California 93463, Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Copies of the study results prepared for the project can be provided upon request.

#### WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a virtual public hearing? Please submit your written comments or requests for a virtual public hearing by U.S. Mail or email no later than June 17, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or at [matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov) for emails. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is May 20, 2022. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information on the State Route 154 Drainage Improvement Project, please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, at [matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matt.c.fowler@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-779-0793. For more information on other state highway projects, please visit the Caltrans District 5 website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5> or contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-549-3318.

#### 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 5 Public Affairs Office at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-549-3318. 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.