



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

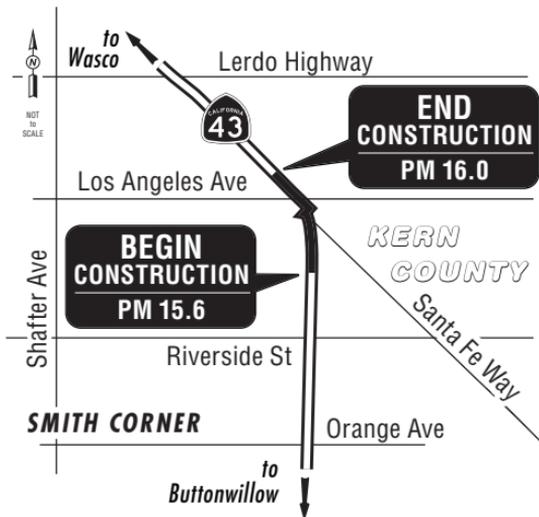
(Study Results Available)

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 43 in Kern County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from from April 29 to May 29, 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) proposes to build a four-legged, single-lane roundabout with a bypass on State Route 43 at its intersection with Santa Fe Way, Los Angeles Avenue, and Beech Avenue in Shafter. The existing pavement within the intersection would be replaced with Type A Hot-Mix Asphalt pavement, and a separate Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement concrete truck apron would accommodate standard Surface Transportation Assistance Act trucks at the center of the roundabout.

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 Mitigated Proposed 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?

Beginning April 29, 2022, the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information will be available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will also be available at:

- Wasco Public Library, 1102 7th Street, Wasco, California 93280, Monday and Tuesday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Shafter Library and Learning Center, 236 James Street, Shafter, California 93263, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Online—The document can be downloaded at the following website:
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects>

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 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 comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than May 29, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is April 29, 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 about this project, please contact Sunil Gandrathi, Project Manager, at 559-383-5200, or by email at sunil.gandrathi@dot.ca.gov or Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, at 209-601-3521 or by email at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov.

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. 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.