



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and Announcement of a **VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

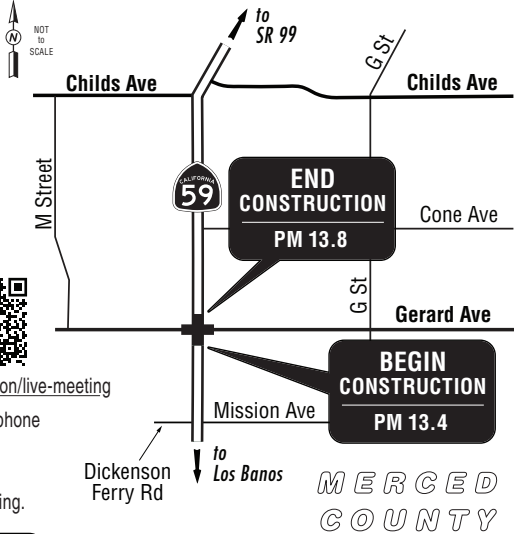
(Study Results Available)

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 59 in Merced County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from
from **May 3 to June 3, 2022**

If there are no major comments or requests for a hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



WHEN & WHERE

Virtual Public Meeting



Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: <https://crenvvpm.wixsite.com/sr59intersection/live-meeting>

If you do not have access to a computer, a phone line will be available:

Please call (209) 479-4083 (English) or (209) 986-1262 (Spanish) during the meeting.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a safety improvement project for the intersection of State Route 59 and Gerard Avenue in Merced County near the City of Merced. Two build alternatives and a no-build alternative are being considered. The proposed build alternatives feature the choice of a traffic signal or a single-lane 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 Proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. A virtual public meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

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

- The Caltrans District 10 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10/>
- Caltrans District 10 Office, 1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, California 95205, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Merced County Library, 2100 O Street, Merced, California 95340, Monday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A printed copy or a compact disk of the document, maps for the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration, and other project information are available by request and can be sent to your home address. To request a printed copy or a compact disk, please contact C. Scott Guidi at 209-479-1839 or by email at scott.guidi@dot.ca.gov.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your written comments by U.S. mail or email no later than June 3, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: C. Scott Guidi, 1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, California 95205, or by email to scott.guidi@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is May 3, 2022. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact C. Scott Guidi, Senior Environmental Planner, at 209-479-1839 or by email at scott.guidi@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 10 Public Information Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-948-3849.

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 10 Public Information Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-948-3849. 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.