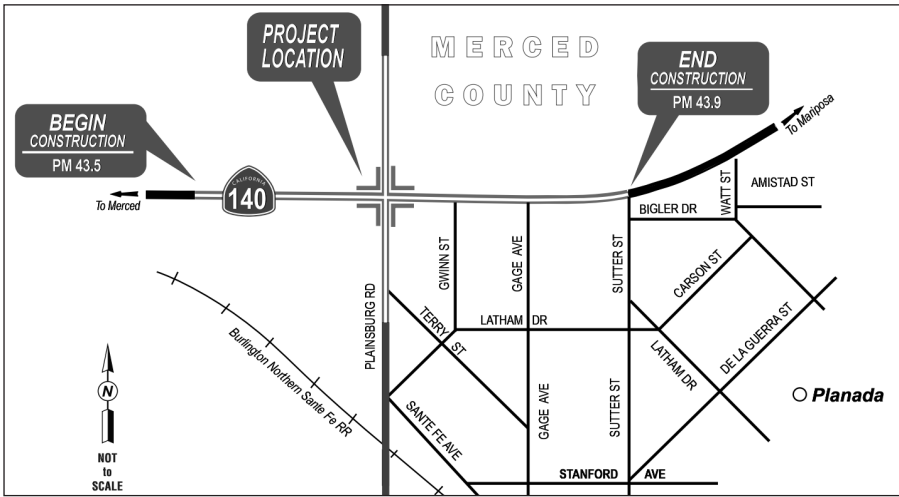




PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration and Announcement of a Public Hearing (Study Results Available)



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from August 1, 2022 to August 30, 2022.

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

WHEN AND WHERE?

Public Hearing

Date: Thursday, August 18, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Planada Elementary School 9525 E. Brodrick Ave., Planada, CA 95365

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a safety improvement project at the intersection of State Route 140 and Plainsburg Road from post miles 43.5 to 43.9. The project proposes to reduce the number and severity of broadside and head-on collisions at this location by improving the intersection control.

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 public hearing 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 completed. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right-of-way and construction will be discussed. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM 10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM 2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis. The project is exempt from regional emissions analyses under 40 CFR 93.127-Table 3 "Intersection Channelization projects." This project has no potential to affect historic properties and no potential to affect historic resources. Section 106, CEQA cultural resources component, and PRC 5024 compliance are complete.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 10 Office at 1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, California 95205 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration will also be available at the following locations:

- Merced County Public Works, 715 Martin Luther King Junior Way, Merced, California 95340 (open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Le Grand Branch Library, 12949 Le Grand Road, Le Grand, California 95333 (open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
- Merced County Library, 2100 O Street, Merced, California 95340 (open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Online—The document can be downloaded at the following website:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district10/district-10-projects>

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 August 30, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: Mr. John Thomas, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to john.q.thomas@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Vijay Talada, at (209) 986-5356 or by email at vijay.talada@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 209-948-7543.

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 209-948-7543. 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.