



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

North Nojoqui Grade CAPM and Drainage Project

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for U.S. Route 101 in Santa Barbara County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from August 18 to September 19, 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 maintain 14.41 lane miles of existing roadway on U.S. Route 101 in Santa Barbara County between 0.4 mile south of Santa Rosa Road and 0.1 mile north of Nojoqui Creek. The project would also replace asphalt concrete dikes, rebuild existing guardrail, upgrade guardrail connections to bridge railing, improve five drainage systems, and repair a failing slope.

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 public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information is available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document is also available online at the Caltrans District 5 website (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>). Paper copies of the document 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 Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a public hearing in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than September 19, 2022, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is August 18, 2022. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Lara Bertaina, Senior Environmental Planner, at lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov, or by phone at 805-779-0792 or Sherri Martin, Project Manager, at sherri.martin@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 805-788-8973. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3318 or by email at info-d5@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 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3237 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. 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.

