



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Tulare 99 Culvert Rehabilitation

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 99 in Tulare County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from August 30 to September 30, 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 repair or replace 80 culverts at various locations along State Route 99 from 0.8 mile north of the Avenue 152 Overcrossing to 0.7 mile south of Mendocino Avenue.

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. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and other project information are 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 Negative Declaration is also available at:

- Tulare Public Library, 475 North M Street, Tulare, California 93274, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 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 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? 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 30, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: Chelsea Starr, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to chelsea.starr@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is August 30, 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 Ernesto Garcia, Project Manager, at 559-908-5492 or by email at ernesto.garcia@dot.ca.gov or Chelsea Starr, Senior Environmental Planner, at 559-383-5432 or by email at chelsea.starr@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2409.

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.

