



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Shaver Lake Viaduct Project

Virtual Public Hearing



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from October 5 to November 3, 2022.

If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: To attend the virtual public hearing, go to:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-1a090>

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to build a two-lane viaduct on a new alignment on State Route 168 in Fresno County near the Shaver Lake shoreline between post miles 48.9 and 48.75. The viaduct would be a bridge-like structure set on deep foundations spanning the area of current pavement distress.

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. A virtual 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 selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information are available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 6 Office, 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Shaver Lake Branch Library, 41344 Tollhouse Road, Shaver Lake, California 93664, Wednesday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- This document can be downloaded at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-1a090>

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? Please submit your written comments by U.S. mail or email no later than October 28, 2022, to Caltrans, Attention: Trais Norris, District 6 Environmental Division, California Department of Transportation, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is September 28, 2022. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, by email at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-601-3521. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office by email at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-488-4067.

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 559-488-4067. 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.

