



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Fresno 168 Culvert Rehabilitation Project

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 168 in Fresno County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from February 3 to March 6, 2023.

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 158 culverts and associated elements on State Route 168 at various locations in Fresno County from post mile R8.28 (Fowler Avenue overcrossing) to post mile 45.8 (0.10 mile east of Warbler Lane).

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, as documented in a report called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you that the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is now available for you to read and comment on.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

You can view or obtain the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information at the following:

- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Clovis Library, 1155 5th Street, Clovis, CA 93612, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Auberry Branch Library, 33049 Auberry Road, Auberry, CA 93602, Tuesday through Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Shaver Lake Library, 41344 Tollhouse Road, Shaver Lake, CA 93664, Wednesday through Friday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Online at the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6>

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 comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than March 6, 2023, to Caltrans, Attention: Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, District 6 Environmental Division, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, or by email to trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is February 3, 2023.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, at 209-601-3521 or by email at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Project Manager Jeannie Wiley at 559-243-3432 or by email at jeannie.wiley@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at D6.Public.Info@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 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at D6.Public.Info@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.

