



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Tulare 245 Culvert Rehabilitation Project

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 245 in Tulare County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **February 10 to March 13, 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 150 culverts on State Route 245 in Tulare County at various locations from the junction of State Route 245 and State Route 198 to the Tulare/Fresno County line.

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?

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

- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728
- Woodlake Branch Library at 400 West Whitney Avenue, Woodlake, California 93286
- Online at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-0x070>

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 March 13, 2023, to Caltrans, Attention: Javier Almaguer, Senior Environmental Scientist, District 6 Environmental Division, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is February 10, 2023. 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 Javier Almaguer, senior environmental scientist, at 559-287-9320 or by email at javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Project Manager Javed Khan at 559-832-0680 or by email at javed.khan@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

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