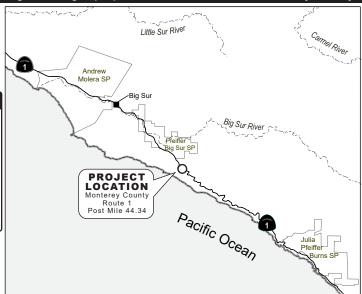


Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration (Study Results Available) and Opportunity for a Virtual Public Hearing

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 1 in Monterey County?



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted by the deadline: May 28, 2023.

If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the failed Coastlands II Retaining Wall and add barrier systems for traveler safety on State Route 1. Other work would include removing the existing soil nail wall, rebuilding the drainage inlet and culvert near the southern terminus of the existing wall, restoring the roadway, and removing vegetation and trees within the area where the wall and railing would be constructed. Project activities would occur on State Route 1 at post mile 44.34 in Monterey County, roughly 1.1 miles south of Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge near Big Sur.

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 virtual 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 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 DO 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 virtual public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than May 28, 2023, to Caltrans, 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 April 25, 2023. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact the District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Lara Bertaina at 805-779-0792 or by email at lara.bertaina@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 805-549-3138 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.