



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

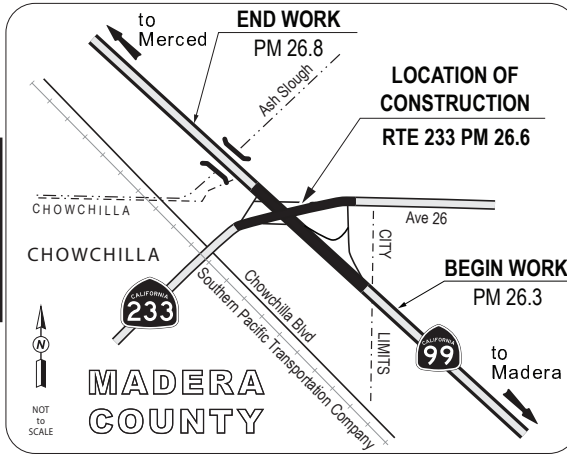
(Study Results Available)

and Opportunity for a Public Hearing

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 99/233 in Madera County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from:
April 29, 2023 to May 28, 2023.
If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to modify the existing State Route 99/State Route 233 interchange by building two roundabouts at the ramp intersections in the City of Chowchilla. The existing State Route 233 bridge over State Route 99 will remain in place to accommodate the eastbound traffic, and a new bridge north of the existing bridge will be built for westbound traffic.

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. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is 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 4:00 p.m.
- Chowchilla Branch Library, 300 Kings Avenue, Chowchilla, California 93610, Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The document can also be downloaded from the Caltrans website:
<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? 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 **May 28, 2023** to Caltrans, Attention: Javier Almaguer, California Department of Transportation, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is **April 29, 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 or Mike Day, Project Manager, at 559-383-5247 or by email at mike.day@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2518 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 d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2518. 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.