

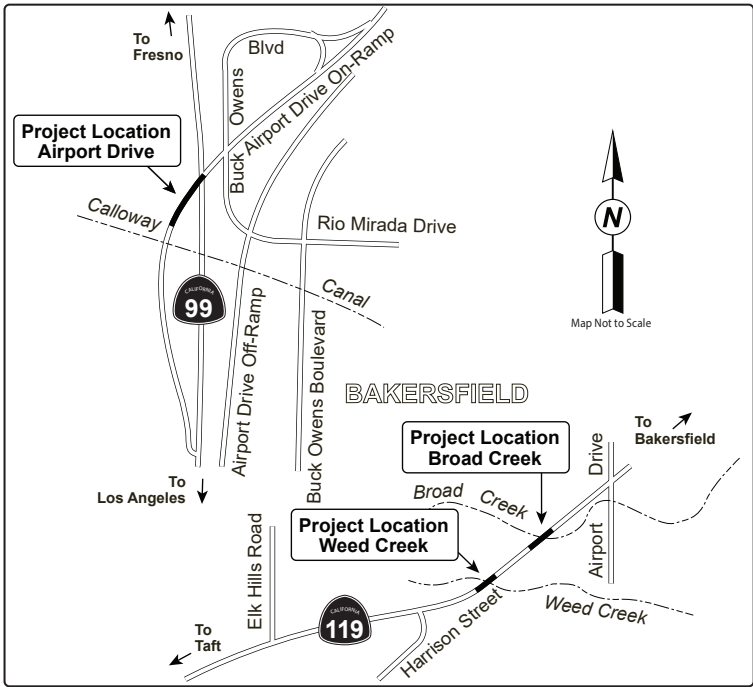


# Public Notice



## 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 119/99 in Kern County?



### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from May 22, 2023 to June 22, 2023. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

### WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair the bridge structures on State Route 99 at post mile 26.78 (Airport Drive Bridge) and on State Route 119 at post mile 4.41 (Weed Creek) and post mile 4.65 (Broad Creek) in Kern County. Repairing the bridge structures would be necessary to maintain the operational integrity of State Route 99 and State Route 119.

### 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. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Beginning May 22, 2023, the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for review at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Beale Memorial Library at 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301, Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Taft Branch Library at 27 Cougar Court, Taft, California 93268, Monday through Wednesday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- The document can also be downloaded at the following website:  
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects>

### 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 June 22, 2023, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: G William "Trais" Norris III, Senior Environmental Planner, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to [trais.norris@dot.ca.gov](mailto:trais.norris@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is May 22, 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 Victor Romo, Project Manager, at 559-260-1057 or by email at [victor.romo@dot.ca.gov](mailto:victor.romo@dot.ca.gov) or G William "Trais" Norris III, Senior Environmental Planner, at 559-320-6045 or by email at [trais.norris@dot.ca.gov](mailto:trais.norris@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](mailto: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](mailto:d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 559-444-2409. 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.