



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

Santa Cruz Route 17 Drainage Improvement

Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 17 in Santa Cruz County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from October 10 to November 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 replace or repair 13 drainage culverts between post miles 0.0 and 12.5 on State Route 17 in Santa Cruz County. Multiple culvert structures within the project limits are in various states of disrepair and, if not addressed, could lead to failure or damage to the roadway along State Route 17. Additionally, improvements to drainage systems would help to minimize the discharge of sediment into the San Lorenzo River watershed.

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 virtual public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review and copying at:

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Scotts Valley Branch of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries system at 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley, CA 95066, Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Online at the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>
- Paper copies of the document can be provided upon request.

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 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 November 13, 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 October 10, 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.

