



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and ANNOUNCEMENT of a HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING

(Study Results Available)

Santa Cruz Route 1 CAPM Project

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from November 27 to December 28, 2023.

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

HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: Santa Cruz Police Department Community Room, 155 Center St Santa Cruz, California 95060



Virtual Meeting Link

Password: missionstreet

Meeting call-in number:

+1-408-418-9388

Access code: 24814586597

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate 8.3 lane miles of flexible Class 2 pavement using Capital Preventive Maintenance strategies. Capital Preventive Maintenance strategies include but are not limited to digouts (repair of more distressed areas of pavement through partial depth replacement), profile grinding, cold planing 0.15 foot of pavement, and placing 0.15 foot of Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt overlay. The anticipated design life of the new pavement is 10 years. The roadway would be re-stripped upon completion. The existing dike would be removed and replaced, and shoulder backing would be placed to manage erosion and weathering at the edge of the pavement.

The project also proposes to remove nonstandard guardrails and install the Midwest Guardrail System with appropriate end treatments. Embankments would be modified as necessary to reflect the changes to the Midwest Guardrail System and terminal end features.

Additionally, the project would replace 16 large signs and 14 small signs, upgrade 51 Americans with Disabilities Act curb ramps and replace 40, replace 0.10 lane mile of Class 2 bike lanes (from post mile 18.15 to post mile 18.25), add guide striping and signage for pedestrians and cyclists, and enhance the visibility of 40 crosswalks at 18 intersections. The project would create two new bus stops (on the northbound and southbound sides) at the intersection of State Route 1 and Western Drive. Ten bike box delineations would also be added at six intersections, and five pedestrian islands would be enhanced at three intersections.

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. A hybrid public meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information is 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>. Copies are also available at the Santa Cruz Public Libraries' Downtown Branch, located in downtown Santa Cruz at 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, California 95060. 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? Please submit your written comments by U.S. mail or email no later than December 28, 2023, to Caltrans, Attention: Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or at lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is November 27, 2023. You can also submit your comments at the hybrid public meeting. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Senior Environmental Scientist Lara Bertaina at 805-779-0792 or by email at lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Project Manager Madilyn Jacobsen at 805-835-6328 or by email at madilyn.jacobsen@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@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.

