



PUBLIC NOTICE



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

(Study Results Available)

7th Standard Road Roundabout

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 43 and 7th Standard Road in Kern County?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from
November 22 to December 22, 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 construct a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 43 and 7th Standard Road near Shafter in Kern County.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment, and our studies show that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform the public the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for review and comment. Project-level conformity analysis shows the project conforms to the State Implementation Plan, 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 a hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. 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 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.
- 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.
- Shafter Library at 236 James Street, Shafter, California 93263, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 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 Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Do you want to make 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 December 22, 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 November 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 Javier Almaguer, Senior Environmental Scientist, at 559-287-9320 or by email at javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov or Paul Pineda, Project Manager, at 559-287-2128 or by email at paul.pineda@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.

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 559-444-2409. 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.

