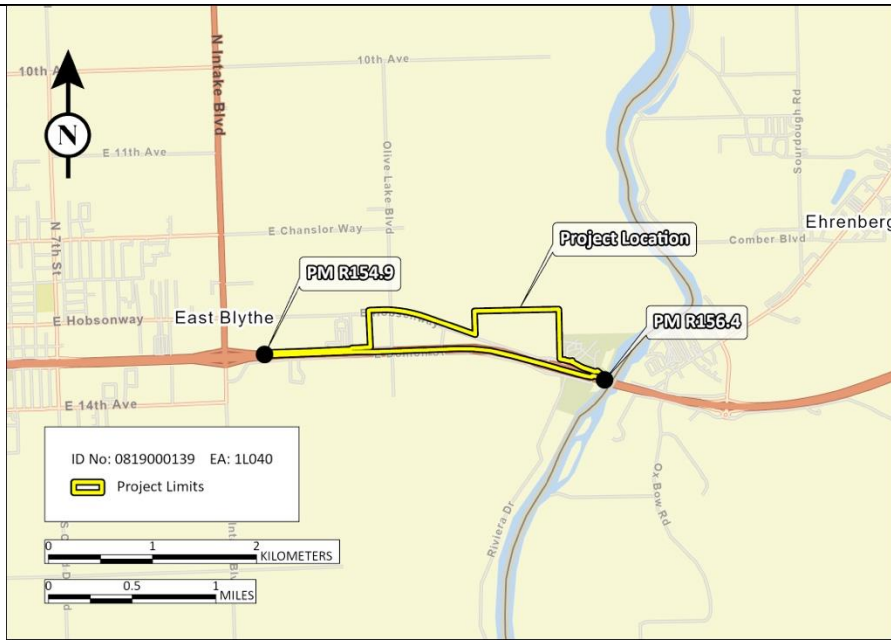


# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Blythe Border Protection Station Replacement Project



<b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?</b>	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in conjunction with the California Department of General Services (DGS) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), proposes to demolish the existing CDFA Blythe Border Protection Station (BPS) and replace it with an updated facility on Interstate 10 (I-10) that is sufficiently sized and equipped to accommodate necessary CDFA inspection operations, required quarantine enforcement, and other border safety/protection activities.
<b>WHY THIS NOTICE?</b>	Caltrans studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains the effects of the project is called a <i>Draft Initial Study (IS)</i> . This notice is to advise you of the preparation of the <i>Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)</i> and of its availability for you to read and to provide comments, and the intent to adopt this MND.
<b>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</b>	Copies of the Draft <i>IS with Proposed MND</i> , including associated maps, are available for review at: <a href="https://www.cityofblythe.ca.gov">https://www.cityofblythe.ca.gov</a>
<b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b>	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>IS with Proposed MND</i> ? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>IS with Proposed MND</i> ? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments in writing <b>no later than 1/08/2024</b> to: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Gabrielle Duff Branch Chief, Environmental Studies 'B' 464 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, MS829 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400 or via email to: D8.1L890.comments@dot.ca.gov Please include "Blythe Border Protection Station Replacement Project" in the subject line. The date we will begin accepting comments is <b>12/07/2023</b> . If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
<b>WHEN AND WHERE</b>	A virtual public hearing will be held live on the Zoom platform, December 19, 2023 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. To participate in the hearing using a computer, please visit the following link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81091240066">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81091240066</a> To participate in the hearing using a landline telephone: Dial: (669) 900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: 810 9124 0066 Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Gabrielle Duff at (909) 501-5142 at least 7 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1(800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at 1(800) 735-2922.
<b>CONTACT</b>	For more information about this study or this project, please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write to Department of Transportation, Attn: Gabrielle Duff, Branch Chief, Environmental Studies 'B', 464 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, 92401, or use the California Relay Service 1(800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1(800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1(800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1(800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech-to-Speech) or 711.