



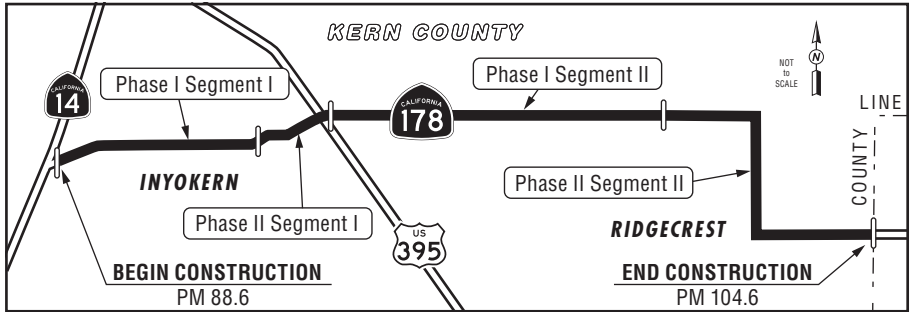
PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Study Results Available)

Ridgecrest / Inyokern Pavement



Comments will be accepted from
March 26 to April 26, 2024.

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

Visit the project page here:



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate pavement, upgrade existing pedestrian facilities, and make other improvements on State Route 178 from post mile 88.60 to 104.60 in the Ridgecrest/ Inyokern area.

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 explains why it is called an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration, maps, and other project information are available for review in the following ways:

- Online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-9/district-9-projects-list/09-38330>
- At the Kern County Library at 131 E Las Flores Ave, Ridgecrest, CA, during operating hours
- At the Caltrans District 9 Office (Bishop) at 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514 during business hours

There is no public meeting currently scheduled for this project, however, one can be organized upon request.

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? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments or requests for a public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than 4/26/2024, to Caltrans, Attention: Rebeka Riesen, Environmental Planner, 500 South Main Street, Bishop, California 93514, or by email to rebeka.riesen@dot.ca.gov. Caltrans will begin accepting comments 3/26/2024. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will finalize the environmental document and proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Rebeka Riesen, Environmental Planner, by email at rebeka.riesen@dot.ca.gov or by phone at (442) 359-8454. For all other state highway matters in the area, please visit the Caltrans District 9 website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-9> or contact the District 9 Public Information Office by email at d9publicinfo@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 9 Public Information Office by email at d9publicinfo@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.