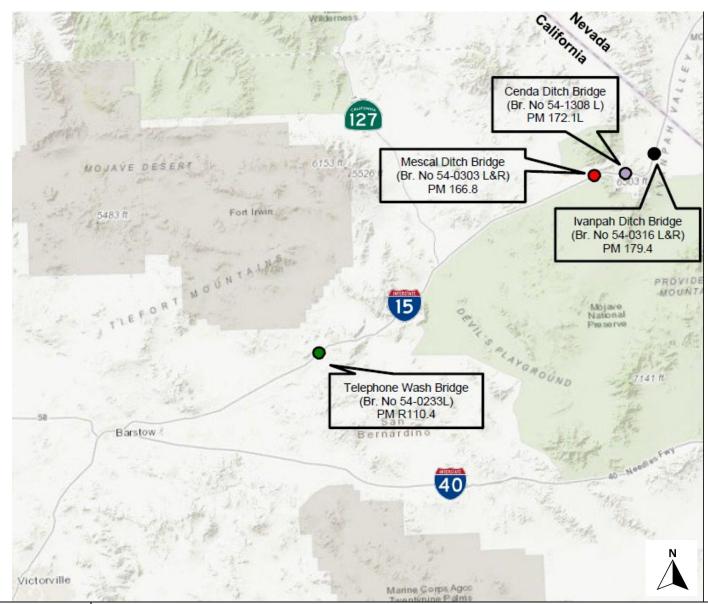


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Interstate 15 Replace Rock Slope Protection for 6 Bridges



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to maintain bridge stability, functionality, and improve the safety of the traveling public. The proposed project is on Interstate 15 (I-15) at post mile (PM) R110.4, PM 166.8, PM 172.1L and PM 179.4 in San Bernardino County. The work includes removing the existing rock slope protection (RSP) and installing partially grouted or traditional RSP, upgrading four Metal Beam Guardrail (MBGR) to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and constructing vegetation control underneath those guardrails. In addition, restriping would occur from Mescal Ditch Bridge to Ivanpah Bridge.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it 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 tell you of the preparation of the *Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)* and of its availability for you to read, and to also offer the opportunity to request a public hearing or to provide comments, and the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the *Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)*, including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email (I-15ReplaceRSP@dot.ca.gov) or via phone at (909)261-3955.

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 *Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration*? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments via email or in writing, no later than May 17, 2024 to:

California Department of Transportation

ATTN: Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Planner

464 W. 4th Street, MS 823

San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;

or via email to I-15ReplaceRSP@dot.ca.gov

Please use "Interstate 15 Replace RSP for 6 Bridges" in the subject line of the email.

The date we will begin accepting comments is April 17, 2024. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about 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, call or write to Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Planner, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 823, San Bernardino, California 92401-1400; (909)261-3955; or use the California Relay Service 1-800-735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1-800-854-7784 (From or to Speech to Speech), or dial 711.