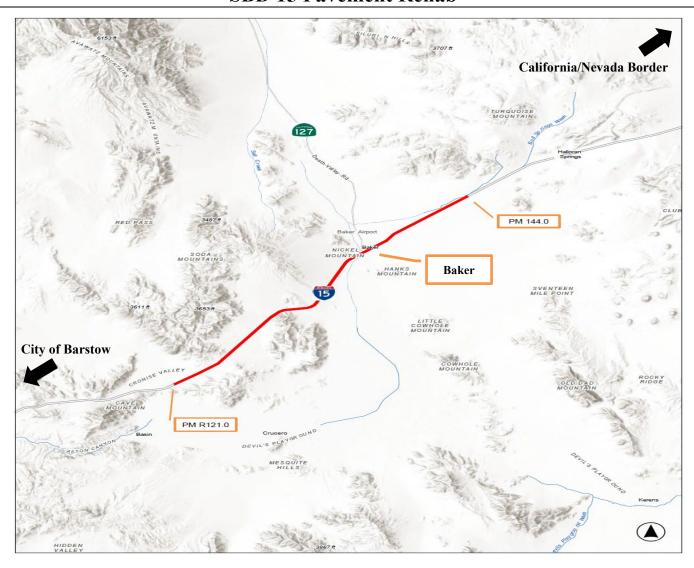


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

SBD 15 Pavement Rehab



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a multi-asset project with minor pavement rehabilitation improvements on Interstate 15 (I-15). The limits of work for this project are along I-15 between post mile (PM) R121.0 and PM 144.0 in San Bernardino County, near Baker, 1 mile north of Basin Road Overcrossing to 5.5 miles north of East Baker Overcrossing. The improvements include 0.15' mill and 0.25' overlay, and 2' shoulder backing on each side of the roadway on the mainline, shoulders, and on/off ramps, from PM R124.4 to PM R137.2. The project will also include upgrading the guardrails, replacing AC dikes, restriping (all lanes), sleeve-lining 6 culverts, rock slope protection (RSP) and guardrail installation at PM R137.67, upgrading 18 sign panels (Type 11), rehabilitating 12 freeway lighting Type 10, 15, 30, and 31, and removing vegetation. All work will be performed within existing Caltrans right of way (ROW). However, Temporary Construction Easements (TCE) will be required for each culvert and guardrail location to facilitate the upgrades.

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 (SBD15PavementRehab@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 in writing or via email, no later than June 10, 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 SBD15PavementRehab@dot.ca.gov

Please use "SBD 15 Pavement Rehab" in the subject line of the email.

The date we will begin accepting comments is May 9, 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.