



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt an INITIAL STUDY with MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Study Results Available)

### Highway 101 Rocks Road Tree Removal Project

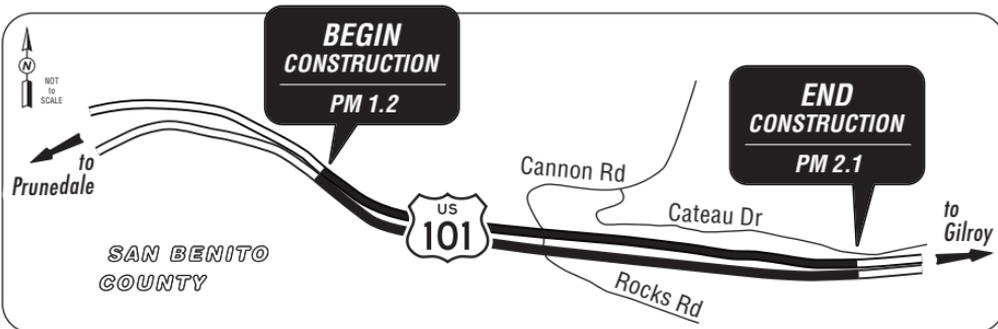


#### COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from June 1 to June 25, 2024.

For more information, please visit the project page:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1s010>



#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the Highway 101 Rocks Road Tree Removal project to improve safety for the traveling public on Highway 101 in San Benito County between post miles R1.28 and 2.01 near Aromas, California. The project area is approximately 3 miles west of San Juan Bautista. The project would remove approximately 228 blue gum eucalyptus trees adjacent to Highway 101 that are in poor health and at risk of falling and potentially creating a safety hazard. The trees are within 40 to 60 feet of the pavement edge and are at risk of falling into the roadway. The project includes replacement planting with native species.

#### 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, as documented in our report called the Highway 101 Rocks Road Tree Removal Project Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. The report and the study results are now available for public review and comment.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as the San Benito County Library at 470 5th Street, Hollister, California 95023, Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The document is also available online at the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1s010>

Printed copies of the document as well as associated technical studies can be provided upon request.

#### WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any concerns 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 Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than June 30 2024, to Caltrans, Attention: Sunny McBride, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to [sunny.mcbride@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sunny.mcbride@dot.ca.gov)

Submitted comments will be addressed in the final environmental document. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact the District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov); or Senior Environmental Scientist Sunny McBride at 805-440-9575 or by email at [sunny.mcbride@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sunny.mcbride@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 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@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.