



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and **ANNOUNCEMENT** of a **PUBLIC MEETING**

(Study Results Available)

### Los Alamos Connected Community Project

#### Public Meeting

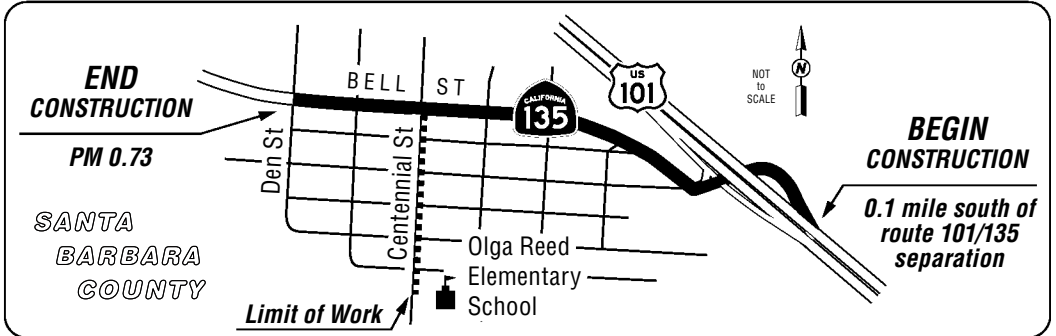
**Date:** December 11, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Los Alamos Men's Club at 429 Leslie Street,  
Los Alamos, California 93440

**Comments will be accepted from  
November 27 to January 3, 2025.**

If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for 0.9 mile of State Route 135 to connect residential areas to the downtown community corridor and Olga Reed Elementary School in Los Alamos. This project focuses on Complete Streets elements and will construct 4,800 feet of new sidewalk, 6,215 feet of buffered bike lanes, 575 feet of reconstructed sidewalk, 42 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps, 17 traffic-calming curb extensions, and 23 marked crosswalks. Other project elements include 10 benches, 7 trash cans, and street lighting. The current capital construction cost estimate is \$5,800,000. The current capital right of way cost estimate is \$377,900.

Tree removal and pruning may be needed to construct project elements on State Route 135. Tree removal locations will be refined throughout project development, and pruning will be in accordance with standard practices and proposed measures. The project will require a Traffic Management Plan to minimize and manage traffic delays during construction. Night work is not currently anticipated.

#### 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 an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you that the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration is now available for you to read and comment on. A public meeting will also be held to give you an opportunity to talk with Caltrans' staff about the various design features of the project before the final design is selected.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration is available for review and copying at these locations:

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Los Alamos Branch of the Santa Maria Public Library system at 405 Helena Street, Los Alamos, California 93440, Monday through Friday, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Paper copies of the document can be provided upon request.
- Online at the Caltrans website at <https://engage.dot.ca.gov/05-1q450>



#### 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 in writing by U.S. mail, email or on the project website no later than January 3, 2025. Send U.S. mail to Caltrans, Attention: Lucas Marsalek, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401. Send email to [lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is November 27, 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 District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov); Project Manager Madilyn Jacobsen at 805-835-6341 or by email at [madilyn.jacobsen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:madilyn.jacobsen@dot.ca.gov); or Senior Environmental Scientist Lucas Marsalek at 805-458-5408 or by email at [lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucas.marsalek@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 California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.