



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation and ANNOUNCEMENT of an OPEN FORUM HEARING

(Study Results Available)

### South Santa Cruz 9 Capital Preventive Maintenance Project

#### Open Forum Hearing

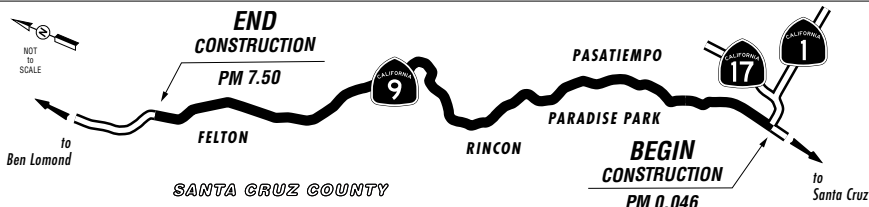
**Date:** January 15, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**Location:** Felton Community Hall  
6191 Highway 9, Felton, CA 95018

Comments will be accepted from  
January 2 to January 31, 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 preserve 14.668 lane miles of existing Class 3 Flexible Pavement on State Route 9 in Santa Cruz County from the intersection with State Route 1 (Cabrillo Highway) in Santa Cruz to El Solyo Heights Drive in the community of Felton. The project would use a Capital Preventive Maintenance strategy including but not limited to dig outs, cold planing followed by placement of Hot Mix Asphalt to avoid decreasing the vertical clearance, upgrading guardrail to Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards, repairing or replacing five culverts as needed, replacing two traffic census stations, replacing sign panels, and upgrading curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act standards where applicable. Through coordination with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the project also includes some pedestrian and bicyclist improvements outlined in the Highway 9/San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan and the San Lorenzo Valley Schools Access Study.

#### 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 when protective measures are included. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This open forum hearing is being held to give you an opportunity to comment on the document and talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation is available for review and copying at these locations:

- Felton Public Library, 6121 Gushee Street, Felton, Ca 95018, during business hours.
- Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Downtown Branch, 224 Church Street, Santa Cruz, Ca 95060, during business hours.
- Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, 1101 Pacific Avenue #250, Santa Cruz, Ca 95060, during business hours.
- Caltrans District 5 Office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, Ca 93401, during business hours.
- Online at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1k890>



#### 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 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 January 31, 2025, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner by email at [sr9\\_santacruzcapm@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sr9_santacruzcapm@dot.ca.gov) or mail at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is January 2, 2025. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information about this project or to request a copy of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation, please contact Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, by email at [sr9\\_santacruzcapm@dot.ca.gov](mailto:sr9_santacruzcapm@dot.ca.gov) or at 805-779-0793.

#### 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 by email at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov) or call 805-549-3138. 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.