



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation and an OPPORTUNITY FOR a PUBLIC HEARING

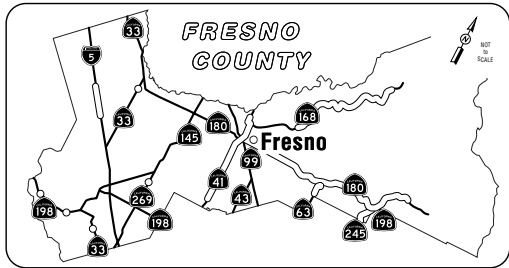
(Study Results Available)

### Fresno County Culvert Improvement Project

**Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed in Fresno County?**

**Comments will be accepted from January 8 to February 7, 2025.**

If there are no major comments or requests for a hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.



#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair or replace 86 culverts at various locations in Fresno County along Interstate 5 and State Routes 33, 41, 63, 168, 180, 198, 245, and 269.

#### 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. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

Additionally, project-level conformity analysis for air quality shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Public comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation and technical studies will be available for public review and comment in the following ways:

- Caltrans District 6 Office at 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728, during business hours.
- Fresno County Public Library at 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, California 93721, during business hours.
- Online at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-1a730>



#### WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Evaluation? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a public hearing in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than February 7, 2025, to Caltrans, Attention: Judith Lopez, Senior Environmental Scientist, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100-200, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to [judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov). The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is January 8, 2025. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

#### CONTACT

For more information about this project, contact Judith Lopez, Senior Environmental Scientist by email at [judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov](mailto:judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov) or call 559-240-5068. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at [d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov](mailto:d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 559-488-4067.

#### 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 6 Public Information Office at [d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov](mailto:d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 559-444-4067 at least 14 days before the scheduled meeting date. 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 (1-800-855-3000 for the Spanish version).