

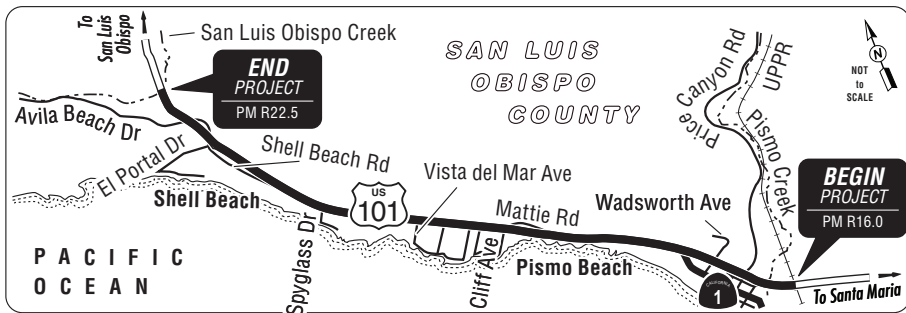


PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and Announcement of Public Hearing

Pismo Congestion Relief Pilot Project on U.S. 101 in San Luis Obispo County



PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Place: Via Zoom (See project web page, address below, for access information)

A Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment is now available for public review and comment.

Comment Deadline: November 17, 2020

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

Caltrans, in partnership with SLOCOG, is proposing a pilot project to address peak-period congestion on southbound U.S. 101 by constructing a left-shoulder part-time travel lane from San Luis Obispo Creek to the railroad overhead in Pismo Beach. The southbound left shoulder would be widened to accommodate the lane, which would be open daily during periods of heavy afternoon traffic as well as special events. A new park-and-ride lot in Pismo Beach is also proposed.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effect this project may have on the environment and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment that identifies the project's potential impacts and potential avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures. Our studies show that the build alternatives would result in significant impacts to visual quality; significant greenhouse gas emissions; significant noise impacts; potentially significant impacts to cultural resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; and overall significant impacts on human beings both directly and indirectly. This notice is to tell you of the availability of the draft environmental document for you to read and review, and the opportunity to provide comments. A public hearing will be held to give you the opportunity to learn more about the project and to talk with Caltrans staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review on the project web page at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/> under *District 5 Current Projects* for San Luis Obispo County. Printed copies will be available only upon request.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you believe the project's potential impacts have been adequately addressed by the draft environmental document? Do you have additional information that should be included? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing by U.S. Mail no later than November 17, 2020 to Lara Bertaina, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. You may also comment at the public hearing on October 20, 2020. The hearing will be made part of the public record. After considering and replying to comments on the draft environmental document, Caltrans will make a decision on the project and either proceed with the project's design, conduct additional environmental studies, or abandon the project.

CONTACT

For more information about this project or about the meeting, please contact Lara Bertaina, Senior Environmental Planner, at (805) 542-4610 or lara.bertaina@dot.ca.gov. For other transportation matters, please call the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318.

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