

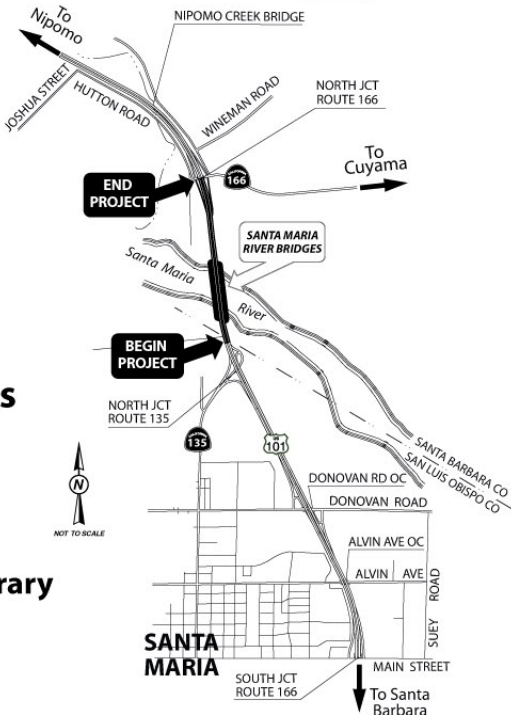


Public Notice



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration Study Results Available Announcement of Public Hearing

Highway 101 at the Santa Maria River Bridges



WHERE AND WHEN?

Date: Thursday, August 10
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Place: City of Santa Maria Public Library
420 S. Broadway
Dorothea Nelson Room
Santa Maria, California

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED ?

CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) and FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) propose to widen State Route 101, near the city of Santa Maria to provide one additional 12-foot northbound lane, one additional 12-foot southbound lane, and 10-foot shoulders from the interchange at State Route 135 to the interchange at State Route 166 a distance of approximately 0.9 miles. In addition, a 12-foot Class 1 bicycle path would be added to the northbound side of the highway. The Santa Maria River bridges, which occupy most of the length of this project, would be widened to accommodate the additional lanes, the Class1 bicycle path, and standard shoulders.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

CALTRANS has completed an analysis of the effects this project may have on the environment and has prepared an Initial Study detailing this analysis. This ad provides notification of the availability of the draft environmental document to you along with the date and location of the public hearing.

A hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with CALTRANS' staff before the final design is selected. The hearing will be an open forum/house format and no formal presentation will be made. You are invited to attend anytime between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE ?

Maps for the Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study and other project information are available for review and copying at the CALTRANS District Office 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study is also available at

- City of Santa Maria Library, 420 S. Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454
- Nipomo Library, 918 W. Tefft, Nipomo, CA 93444

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Caltrans is providing an opportunity for you to learn about the proposed project, to review and comment on the project alternatives and draft environmental document. Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than August 23, 2006 to CALTRANS 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 Attn: Lara Bertaina. You can also submit comments via email to lara_bertaina@dot.ca.gov. If there are no major comments, CALTRANS will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information on this project, please contact Lara Bertaina, Associate Environmental Planner at (805) 549-3777 or email her at lara_bertaina@dot.ca.gov. For other State highway matters, please contact District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.