

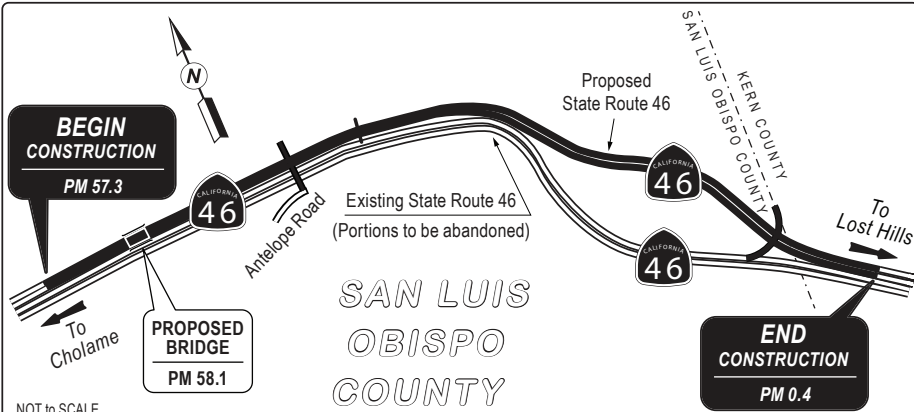


PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Study Results Available) and Announcement of a Virtual Public Meeting

State Route 46 Corridor Improvement Project – Antelope Grade Section



VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Date: October 2, 2023
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Online Access/Website:

Webex meeting via the link on the Caltrans project page at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to convert a 3.6-mile section of State Route 46 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane expressway in San Luis Obispo and Kern counties. The project spans from post mile 57.3, located 1 mile west of Antelope Road, to post mile 0.4, located 0.4 mile east of the county line between San Luis Obispo and Kern counties, in California.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Proposed construction includes design modifications to the previously preferred alternative identified and studied in the 2005 Mitigated Negative Declaration with Finding of No Significant Impact. These design modifications consist of changes to the highway alignment needed to avoid a known cultural site, avoid extremely high utility relocation costs, and reduce the existing grade of the roadway. The project is located in a non-attainment area for the Federal 8-hour ozone standard in the eastern half of San Luis Obispo County due to transient emissions originating from urban and industrial sources north and east of the project limits. Caltrans has completed additional environmental analysis to study 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 a Subsequent Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, prepared by Caltrans. This notice is to inform you that the Subsequent Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment is now available for you to read and comment on. A virtual public meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to learn more about the project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Subsequent Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment is available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Shandon Library, 195 N 2nd St, Shandon, CA 93461, and the Paso Library, 1000 Spring St, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The document is also available online at the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>. Printed copies of the document as well as associated technical studies can be provided upon request.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Read the environmental document and attend the virtual public meeting to learn more about the project. Do you have any concerns about processing the project with a Subsequent Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment? 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 October 13, 2023, to Dianna Beck, California Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to dianna.beck@dot.ca.gov. Submitted comments will be addressed in the final environmental document.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov, the project manager Nicholas Heisdorf at 805-835-6558 or by email at nicholas.heisdorf@dot.ca.gov, or the environmental planner Dianna Beck at 805-459-9406 or by email at dianna.beck@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 Affairs Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at 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 contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.