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The Honorable Vito Chiesa, Chairman
Board of Supervisors, Stanislaus County
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Mr. Chiesa:

Notice of Availability of Environmental Document and Opportunity for Public Hearing for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in coordination with the City of Ceres, proposes to improve the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road interchange in the southern portion of the City of Ceres in Stanislaus County, California (post miles 9.5 to 11.4).

This letter is to notify you that an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment is available for public circulation. A copy of the draft environmental document is available for review at the Caltrans District 10 office at 1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA 95205 and the Ceres Public Library (2250 Magnolia St., Ceres, CA 95307) on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The environmental document may be accessed at the following website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d10/x-project-sr99mitchell.html>. The public comment period begins on November 22, 2017 and ends on December 22, 2017.

Please submit any comments or concerns about the document to: Judith Lopez, Senior Environmental Planner, Central Sierra Analysis Branch, California Department of Transportation, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721.

If you have any questions or would like to request that a public hearing be held, please contact Judith Lopez, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 445-6172 (Email: judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov) or Sinarath Pheng, Project Manager, at (209) 948-7829 (Email: sinarath.pheng@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,


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District 10 Director

Enclosure: Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project *Study Results Available*

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road Interchange Project?

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from Nov. 22 to Dec. 22, 2017

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

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of Ceres is proposing to improve the State Route 99/Service Road/Mitchell Road interchange in the southern portion of the City of Ceres in Stanislaus County, California (post miles 9.5 to R11.4). The interchange improvements would relieve congestion, improve regional mobility, local circulation, and access to the highway.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment and determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The findings of these studies are presented in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you of the availability of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for your review and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing. The 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 an explicit hot-spot analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at:

- Caltrans District 10 office at 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Stockton weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Ceres Public Library at 2250 Magnolia Street in Ceres
- Online: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d10/x-project-sr99mitchell.html>

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study/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? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for public hearing via U.S. mail to:

Judith Lopez, Senior Environmental Planner
Central Sierra Analysis Branch, California Department of Transportation
855 M Street, Suite 200
Fresno, CA 93721

Submit comments via email to: judith.lopez@dot.ca.gov. Comments will be accepted between November 22, 2017 and December 22, 2017. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Caltrans at (559) 445-6172.

Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact Caltrans, District 10, Public Information Office at: district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov, or phone (209) 948-7977. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

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 10 Public Information Office at: district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov, or phone (209) 948-7977. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2929, or 711.

