



PUBLIC NOTICE

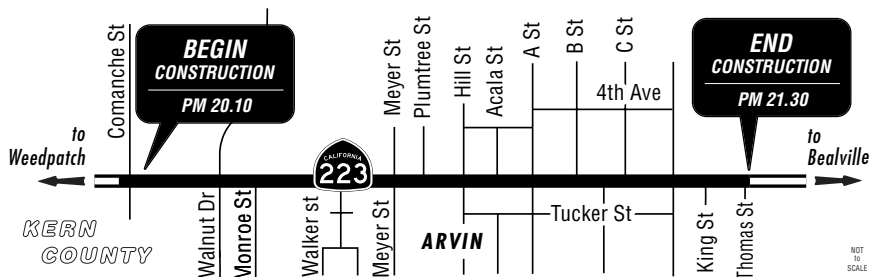


Notice of Intent to Adopt a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and **OPPORTUNITY** for a **PUBLIC HEARING**

(Study Results Available)

Arvin CAPM Project

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for State Route 223 in Kern County?



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from **January 23 to February 26, 2024.**

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 improve State Route 223 in Kern County in the City of Arvin from 0.1 mile west of Comanche Drive to 0.1 mile east of King Street. Improvements would resurface the highway and construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps and Complete Streets elements, including enhancing visibility of existing cross walks, rehabilitating cross walks, installing new cross walks, installing missing sidewalk segments, installing bulb-outs, and adding rapid rectangular flashing beacon systems with lighting and a pedestrian hybrid beacon system and lighting.

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 Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

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

- Caltrans District 6 Office, 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728, weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Arvin Branch Library at 201 Campus Drive, Arvin, CA 93203, Monday through Wednesday, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Caltrans District 6 website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-0y150>

If you prefer that a printed copy or compact disk of the document be sent to you, please email Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov



WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed 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 a public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than February 26, 2024 to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, Division of Environmental Analysis, California Department of Transportation, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, or by email to trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is January 23, 2024. 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, please contact Marlo Carlos, Project Manager, at 559-383-5200 or by email at marlo.carlos@dot.ca.gov. You may also contact Trais Norris, Senior Environmental Planner, at 559-320-6045 or by email at trais.norris@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 6 Public Information Office at 559-444-2409 or by email at d6.public.info@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 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-444-2409. 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.