



# Public Notice



## Announcement of Open Forum Public Hearing

Notice of Intent To Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration for Highway 246 Passing Lanes Project

Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is Available for Review



### WHERE AND WHEN?

Date: **Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

Time: **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** (Brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.)

Place: **Lompoc City Hall, Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, California**

### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

Caltrans (California Department of Transportation), in coordination with the City of Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, and SBCAG is proposing to improve traffic flow along the Hwy. 246 Corridor between Purisima and Domingos Roads. Passing Lanes and left turn pockets are some of the elements that are proposed.

### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment with proposed mitigation measures incorporated in the project. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to review.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is available for review at the Caltrans District Office, 50 Higuera St. San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 from Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Maps and other information are also available. The document is also available for review at: Lompoc Public Library (501 E. North Avenue, Lompoc, CA 93438); Buellton Public Library (140 W. Highway 245, Buellton, CA 93427) and Lompoc City Hall (100 Civic Center Plaza).

The document is also available for review or downloading at the Caltrans District 05 website [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dis05/projects/Highway 246 Passing Lanes/draft\\_isea.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dis05/projects/Highway%20246%20Passing%20Lanes/draft_isea.pdf)

### WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

An Open Forum Public Hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to review the design concepts, project information and environmental process displays. The meeting will be an open house format with a brief presentation at 5:45. Caltrans engineering, traffic operations staff, and environmental staff will be available to answer your questions. A court reporter will be available to record your comments for the public record. Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have any comments or disagree with the findings of our study set forth in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit comments in writing no later than September 17, 2009 to Caltrans, Attn: Matt Fowler, District 5 at 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Your comments will be part of the public record.

### CONTACT

For more information on this project, please contact: Matt C. Fowler, Chief of the Environmental Planning Branch at (805) 542-4603 or email [matt\\_c\\_fowler@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matt_c_fowler@dot.ca.gov). For other State Highway matters, please contact Caltrans District 05 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318.

### SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (e.g., American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3138 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled open house date. Telecommunication Devices of the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.