



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING NOTICE

Santa Barbara/Ventura 101 HOV Lane Project.



**What is Being Planned?** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to construct a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane within the existing median area, in order to reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion and to support the efficient flow of goods and services. The project starts in Ventura County west of Mobil Pier Undercrossing (PM R39.8) and ends 0.4 miles south of Casitas Pass Road (PM 2.2) in Santa Barbara County. The proposed project spans 6 miles and would provide 6 lanes, 3 northbound and 3 southbound and would include Intelligent Transportation Systems and pedestrian improvements within a portion of the project area.

**Why This Notice?** Caltrans is formally initiating studies for this project. Based on preliminary engineering studies, the resulting environmental document is anticipated to be an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment leading to a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact. Caltrans is currently soliciting written comments from all pertinent public agencies, private entities, and interested/affected individuals regarding any potential social, economic, community, traffic, safety, and environmental issues related to this project.

**Where do you come in?** A public scoping meeting will be held on the proposed project and the environmental process on **Tuesday, August, 28 2007**, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the City of Carpinteria City Council Chambers, 5775 Carpinteria Boulevard, Carpinteria, CA 93013. Written comments will be accepted at this meeting.

Please send comments, suggestions or inquiries by **September 13, 2007** to:

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Division of Environmental Planning (SB/VEN 101HOV Lane)  
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### Contact

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Mr. Carlos Montez at 1-213-897-9116, or visit us at our website at [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov). TTY users may call 1-213-897-4937.

*Thank you for your interest!*