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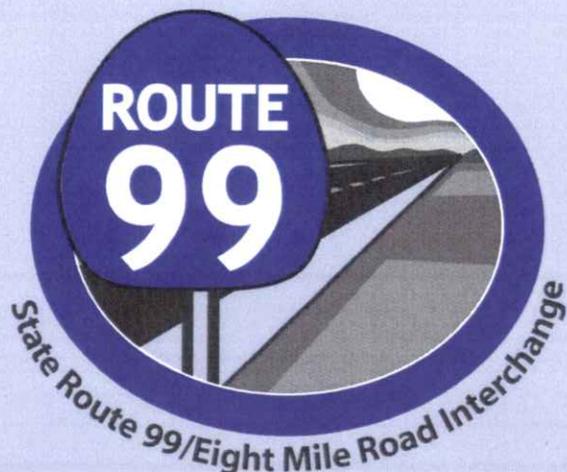
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## Cost and Funding of the Projects

- **Estimated Total Project Costs:**
  - Morada Lane Interchange Improvements: \$60 - \$110 Million
  - Eight Mile Road Interchange Improvements: \$60 - \$85 Million
- **Current Funding Source:**
  - Public Facilities Fee Program (City of Stockton)

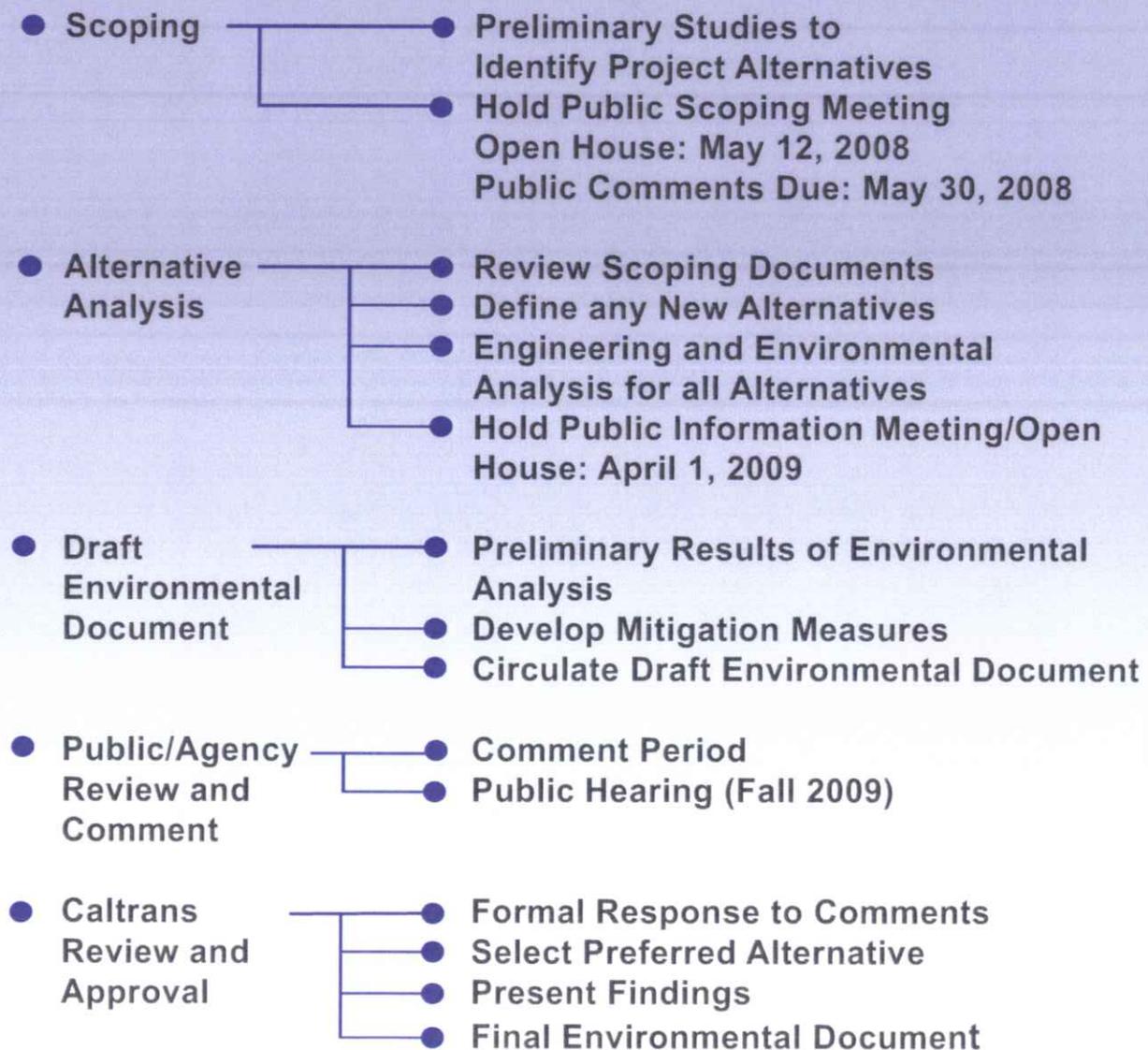
## Project Schedule

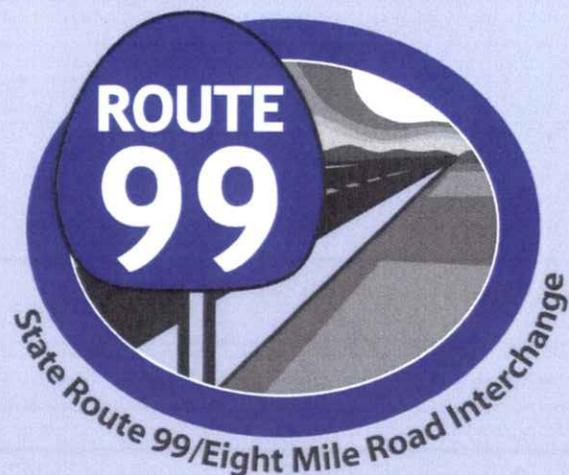
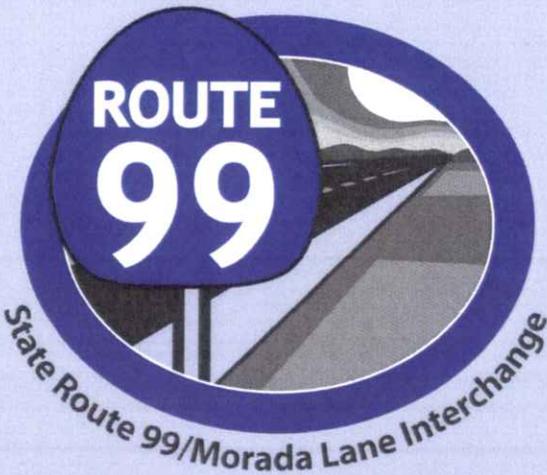
- **Final Environmental Documents**
  - Winter 2010
- **Design and Right-of-Way**
  - Pending Funding Availability
- **Begin Construction Schedule**
  - Pending Funding Availability





# Environmental Process



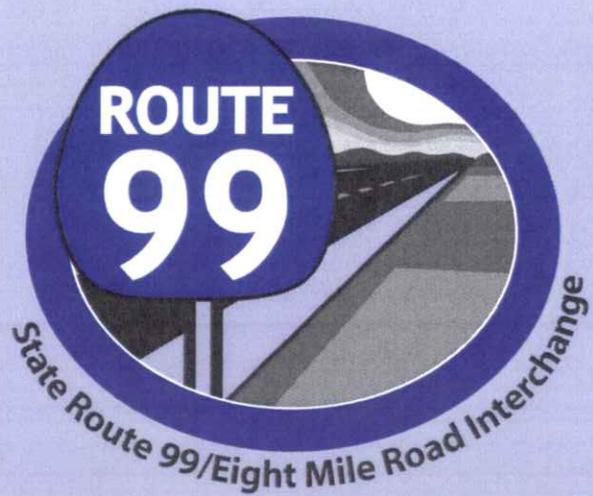
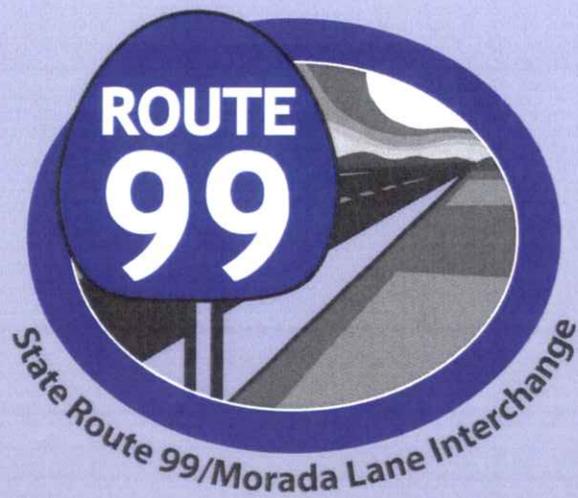


## Environmental Studies

Natural and human resources are important. The following studies for each project site will be prepared to determine how resources would be affected:

- Architectural History
- Cultural Resources Evaluation
- Biological Studies
- Floodplain Study
- Hazardous Waste Investigation
- Noise Impact Study
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Water Quality Study
- Relocation Impact Study
- Farmland Analysis
- Community Impact Assessment
- Air Quality
- Traffic Operations and Safety





## Description of Projects

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), in cooperation with the City of Stockton, which is the project sponsor, and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), is in the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase (PA & ED) and is studying the effects of major improvements to the interchanges of State Route 99/Morada Lane and State Route 99/Eight Mile Road. Project components for the two interchange projects may include reconstructing the interchanges and realigning the frontage roads at each of the interchanges, as well as a no-build alternative.

## Purpose and Need

The purpose of the projects is to:

- maximize the efficiency of the interchanges,
- prevent degradation of the freeway ramp operations,
- reduce traffic congestion and delay at the two interchanges,
- improve traffic operations and safety,
- improve City and County roadway operations,
- improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit access, and
- accommodate forecasted travel demand anticipated through the year 2035.





## Public Comment

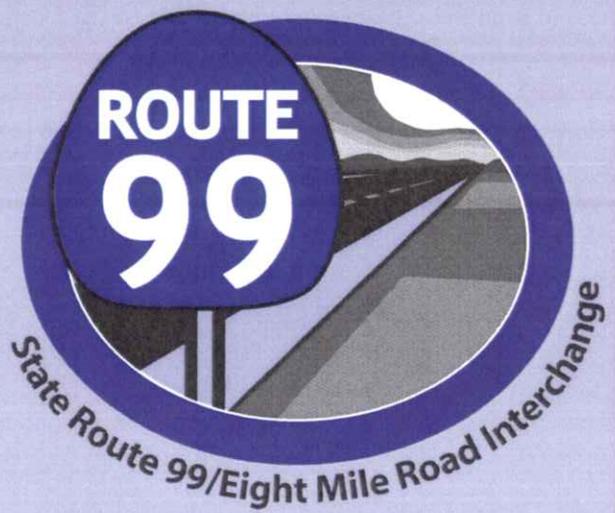
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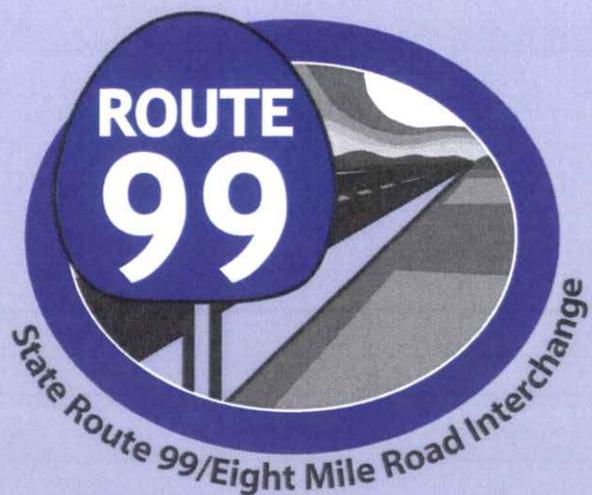
- Written comments can be placed in the comment box tonight.
- Written comments can also be sent to:  
California Department of Transportation  
Attn: Gail Miller  
2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100  
Fresno, CA 93726  
  
or e-mail:  
[Gail\\_Miller@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov)
- A professional stenographer is available to take your comments, also.

Thank you for your comments and attending this meeting.



# Welcome





# Public Outreach Meetings

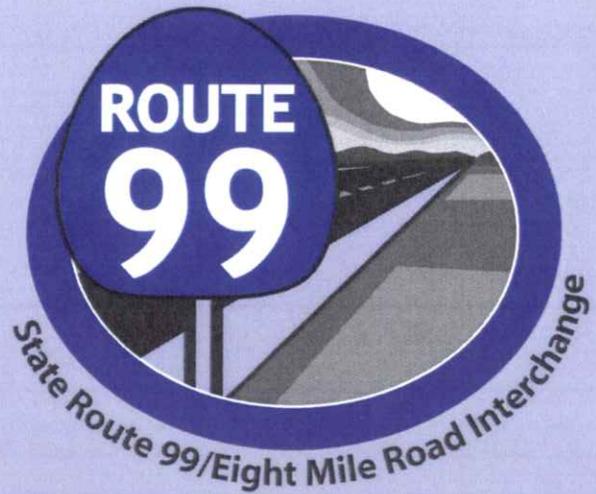
## Conducted

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| ● Citizens Advisory Group         | April 9, 2008    |
| ● Project Scoping                 | May 12, 2008     |
| ● Citizens Advisory Group         | June 5, 2008     |
| ● Emergency Responders            | August 15, 2008  |
| ● Citizens Advisory Group         | August 22, 2008  |
| ● Lodi Unified School District    | October 10, 2008 |
| ● Tahama/Morada Mobile Home Parks | October 10, 2008 |
| ● Morada Area Association         | December 2, 2008 |
| ● Citizens Advisory Group         | March 19, 2009   |
| ● Public Information Meeting      | April 1, 2009    |

## Planned

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| ● Citizens Advisory Group     | Winter 2009 |
| ● Public Hearing of Draft EIR | Winter 2009 |

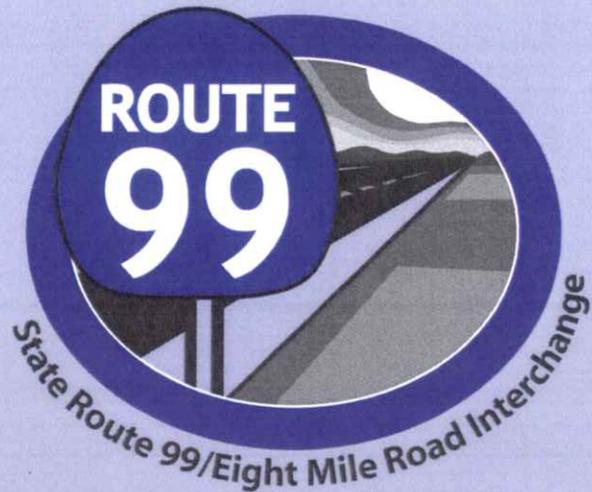




## Caltrans Right-of-Way

- Permits to Enter
- Appraisal
- Acquisitions
- Relocation Assistance
- Property Management
- Utility Relocation
- Excess Land Sales
- Clearance and Demolition





# Right-of-Way

## *Right of Entry Process*

### Why are permits needed?

State and federal environmental laws require a thorough description and evaluation of the resources in the area of a proposed project. Field studies are done and in most cases include just walking the area taking notes and pictures to gather that information. The permits from private property owners give permission to conduct these studies.

### Who obtains the permits?

Right-of-way agents will be contacting property owners to obtain written permission to allow entry onto their property.

### Who performs surveys?

Biologists, archaeologists, historians, environmental engineers, surveyors, and other specialists.

### What types of studies are performed?

Work primarily consists of observations, although ground disturbances created by shovel or hand trowel may be required. Any holes will be filled and restored.





## What's Next

- **We will proceed with required environmental studies and the draft environmental documents.**

The environmental study process allows project staff to identify potential impacts and to determine ways to avoid or reduce them.
- **We will be progressing the draft environmental documents for public review and comment.**
- **We will continue the engineering analysis and development of the draft project reports.**
- **What is available for the public to review?**

Please review the information sheet, information boards, and mapping. Your input is important to our study process. Please share any comments you have regarding the proposed projects. Additional opportunity will be given to comment after the alternatives are refined and when the draft environmental documents have been submitted for public circulation.
- **We will continue the public outreach effort (Citizens Advisory Group, stakeholder meetings, etc.)**

Thank you for attending this meeting.  
Please sign in, so we can keep you informed about the projects.

