

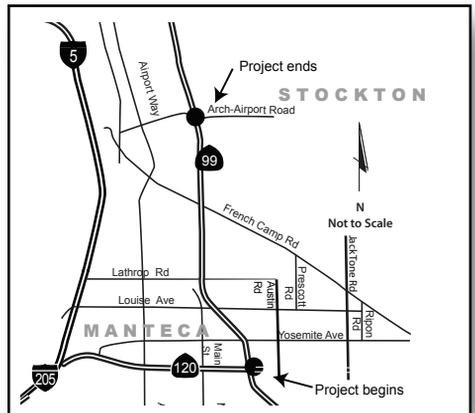


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Study Results Available and Announcement of Public Hearing for the State Route 99 Widening Project/State Route 120 to Arch Road

WHEN AND WHERE

Date: Monday, November 16, 2009
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Community Gym, next to Golden West Elementary School
 1031 North Main Street, Manteca, CA



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in coordination with the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), San Joaquin Council of Governments, San Joaquin County, and City of Manteca, is proposing two additional 12-foot lanes to State Route 99 in the cities of Manteca and Stockton between State Route 120 and Arch Road. The proposed lanes would be within the existing median with a concrete barrier. Interchange modifications are also being proposed at the Main Street/Lathrop Road Interchange and the French Camp Road (Turner Station) Interchange. Existing Littlejohn 'hook' ramps near the Stockton Airport are proposed to be removed.

WHY THIS 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. The report that explains why it is called a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and/or PM2.5 as appropriate) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed (PM10 and/or PM2.5 as appropriate) hot spot analysis was completed, as required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, based on U.S. EPA Guidance. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

A hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans staff before the final design is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right-of-way and construction will be discussed, and Caltrans' staff will explain the Department's relocation assistance for residents who may be moved by the project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District Office, 1976 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stockton, CA on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with the exception of the first three Fridays of each month due to furlough. The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is also available on the Caltrans District 10 website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/99widening/ and at the following places: San Joaquin Public Works Department, 1810 E. Hazelton Ave., Stockton, CA; City of Manteca Public Works Dept., 1001 W. Center St., Manteca, CA; Manteca Branch Library, 320 W. Center St., Manteca, CA.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with Mitigated Negative Declaration/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? Please submit your comments in writing no later than 5:00 p.m., December 14, 2009, to Caltrans, 2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, Attn: Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner. The date we will begin accepting comments is November 12, 2009. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will request approval from the Federal Highway Administration and proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about the projects, feel free to contact the following persons:

Project Information

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SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled public information meeting. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TTD) users may contact the California Relay Service TTD line at 1-800-735-2922 or 711.

