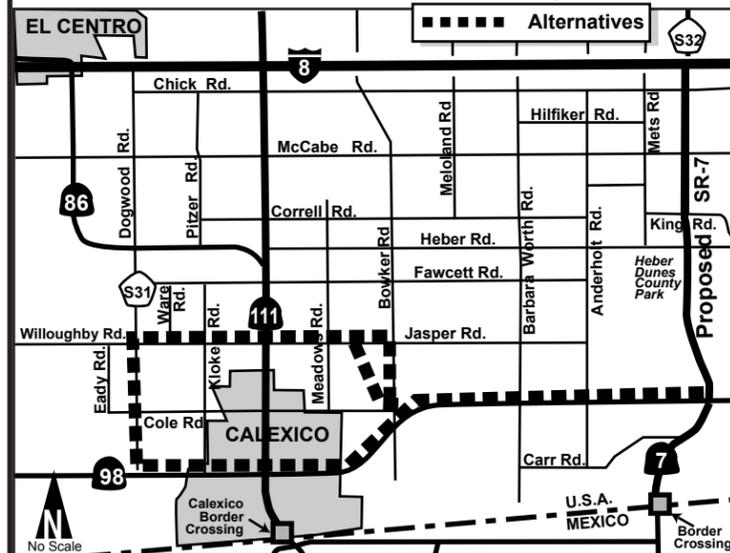




PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the State Route 98 Project in Imperial County



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

Caltrans, the California Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen and/or realign existing State Route 98 in Imperial County, from Dogwood Road to State Route 7. This segment is expected to be widened from two to four lanes, and six lanes in some locations to address increasing traffic demands and conflicts.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans is currently evaluating alternative alignments and their potential effects on the environment. Preliminary studies show that the project could significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) / Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), and to give you an opportunity to discuss the alternatives and offer us information of importance that can be used in our studies.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Project fact sheets are available at the El Centro Chamber of Commerce at 1095 S. 4th Street, and the Calexico Chamber of Commerce at 1100 Imperial Avenue. Exhibits of the project study area, alternative alignment maps, project fact sheets and other project information will be available at the scoping meeting and at the Caltrans District 11 Office. The DEIS/DEIR will be prepared after the studies are done. The office is located at 2829 Juan Street in the Old Town section of the City of San Diego, and is open during weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE YOU COME IN

How will the proposed project affect you? Will the potential impacts be addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments and concerns will be taken into account during the development of this project. If you wish, you may make comments in person at the public scoping meeting, or submit written comments until July 6, 2001 to: **Everett Townsend, Caltrans, P.O. Box 85406, San Diego, CA 92186-5406.**

PUBLIC MEETING

When:
Thursday, June 7, 2001
from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where:
Calexico City Hall
608 Heber Avenue
Calexico, CA 92231

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 11 Community Affairs Office at (619) 688-6670 at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact Everett Townsend, Design Manager, at (619) 688-3697, or John Chisholm, Senior Environmental Planner, at (619) 688-3272. For general information for other transportation issues, please call Caltrans Public Affairs at (619) 688-6670.