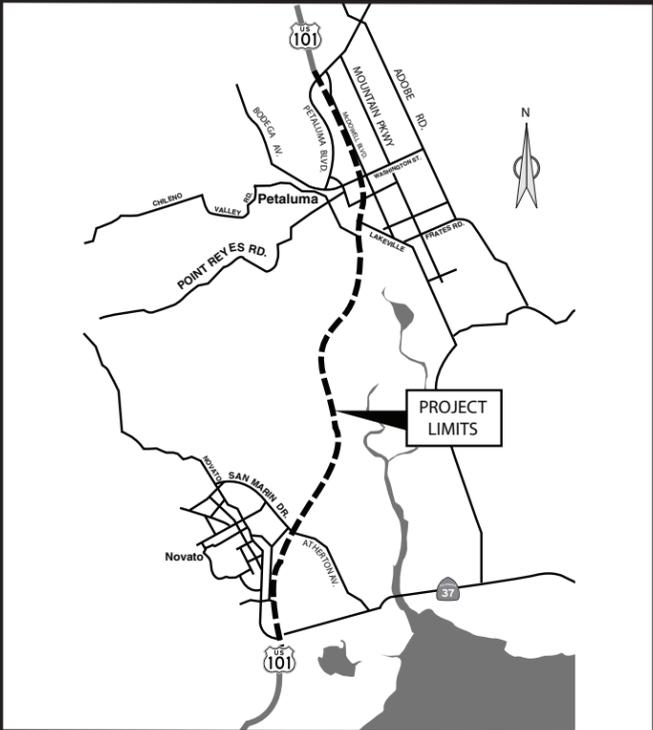


PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PROPOSED MARIN-SONOMA NARROWS HOV WIDENING PROJECT



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED	The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), propose to reduce traffic congestion and address physical deficiencies of the roadway on US 101 between Novato and Petaluma.
WHY THIS NOTICE	Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Caltrans has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/S) to assess the environmental impacts of the proposed Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project. The DEIR/S is now available for public review. Comments are being accepted from October 16, 2007, through December 14, 2007.
WHERE YOU COME IN	<p>Attend an Open House/Map Display: Caltrans will host two open house meetings with visual and map displays and provide the public with opportunities to discuss the project with staff. There will be a brief presentation at 6:30-6:45 p.m. at both meetings. Comments on the DEIR/S will be accepted in writing or individual verbal comments can be recorded at a court reporter station during the meetings. The meeting locations and dates are as follows:</p> <p align="center">When and Where</p> <p>Location: Beverly C. Wilson Hall Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds 175 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2007 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p align="center">and</p> <p>Location: Novato Unified School Boardroom 1015 - 7th Street, Novato Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2007 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>
WHAT'S AVAILABLE	<p>How To Review The DEIR/S: The DEIR/S is available for review on the website listed below and at locations in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Digital and hardcopies include Volume 1, the main environmental document, Volume 2, the project mapping, and the Appendices.</p> <p>On the Web:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSN Project Web site* at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/msn <p>Document available to review at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civic Center Library at 3501 Civic Center Drive, #427, San Rafael; Novato Library at 1720 Novato Boulevard, Novato; South Novato Library at 6 Hamilton Landing, Suite 140A, Novato; Transportation Authority of Marin, 70 San Pablo Avenue, San Rafael; Petaluma Community Center at 320 N. McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma; Petaluma Regional Library at 100 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma; Central Santa Rosa Library, 3rd & E Streets, Santa Rosa; and Sonoma County Transportation Authority, 490 Mendocino Avenue, S-206, Santa Rosa <p>Ways To Comment On The DEIR/S: Comment period is October 16, 2007 through December 14, 2007. You can submit written comments using the MSN Comment Form (download at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/msn) or using your own materials. You can also obtain a pre-addressed comment form at one of the public meetings. To submit your comments, mail to:</p> <p>Melanie Brent Caltrans District 4 111 Grand Avenue Oakland, CA 94612-3717</p> <p>E-Mail* comments to: melanie.brent@dot.ca.gov</p> <p>Record verbal comments at the court reporter station during one of the scheduled public meetings.</p>
CONTACT	<p>For more information about the MSN Project, please contact Jit Pandher, Project Manager, (510) 286-6425, Jit_S_Pandher@dot.ca.gov.</p>
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS	<p>Individuals who require special accommodations or translation services should call Melanie Brent at (510) 286-5231 at least 3 days prior to the scheduled public meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711. All locations are wheelchair accessible.</p>



*Note: if you submit your comments via e-mail, it is advisable to also mail a copy, to ensure receipt.