



Public Notice



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration (Study Results Available) Announcement of Open Forum Public Hearing

Lee Vining Rockfall Safety Project on US Highway 395

WHEN AND WHERE

Date: **Tuesday, August 7, 2012**

Time: **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

(Open House Format)

Place: **Lee Vining Community Center**

296 Mattly Ave, Lee Vining, CA 93541

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to reduce rockfall at six slopes along U.S. Highway 395 north of Lee Vining from north of National Forest Visitor Center Road to north of Picnic Grounds Road.

WHY THIS PUBLIC 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 is called a Negative Declaration/Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and it is available for you to read. A hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to discuss the project with Caltrans staff before a final alternative is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 9 Office at 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514. There are also copies available at the Lee Vining branch of the Mono County Library at 51710 U.S. 395, Lee Vining, CA 93541, the Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center at 1 Visitor Center Drive, Lee Vining, CA 93541 and the Mono Lake Committee Information Center and Bookstore at the corner of U.S. 395 and Third Street, Lee Vining, CA 93541. The document is available online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist9/projects/leeviningrockfall/index.html>

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than August 25, 2012 to Caltrans, Attn: Scott Smith, Senior Environmental Planner, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, contact Scott Smith, Senior Environmental Planner at (559) 445-6172 or by email at scott_smith@dot.ca.gov.

For all other State Highway matters, please contact District 9 Public Affairs Office at (760) 872-0603.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact District 09 Public Affairs Office at (760) 872-0603 at least 5 days before the scheduled hearing date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

