



Public Notice

Notice of Intent to Adopt an "Environmental Assessment/Initial Study" Study Results Available

Do you want a public hearing on changes proposed for U.S. Highway 395?

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is proposing to improve U.S. Highway 395. This project proposes to construct 23 kilometers (14.3 miles) of four-lane expressway on U.S. Highway 395 from 0.5 kilometer north of North Fork Road to 0.2 kilometer south of Elna Road, in Inyo County near Independence. The proposed project would upgrade 23 kilometers (14.3 miles) of existing two-lane conventional highway to improve the safety, level of service, operations and drainage.

WHY THIS AD

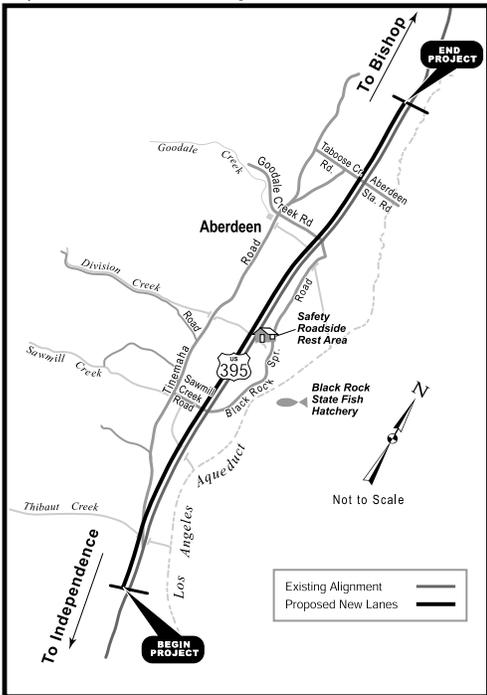
Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Environmental Assessment/Initial Study. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and of its availability for you to read. This notice also affords the opportunity for a public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Maps for the proposed Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 9 Office at 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514-3174, on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The proposed Environmental Assessment/Initial Study are also available at the Inyo County Main Library, 168 North Edwards, Independence, Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Environmental Assessment/Initial Study. Would you care to make any comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for public hearing in writing no later than May 21, 2003, to Caltrans, Attention: Juan Torres, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726-5428. The date we will begin accepting comments is April 7, 2003. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will request approval from the Federal Highway Administration and proceed with the project's design.



CONTACT

For more information about this study or the proposed project, you may call Juan Torres, Associate Environmental Planner at (559) 243-8301 or by e-mail at juan_torres@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 9 Public Affairs Office at (760) 872-0603. Telecommunications Devices 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.