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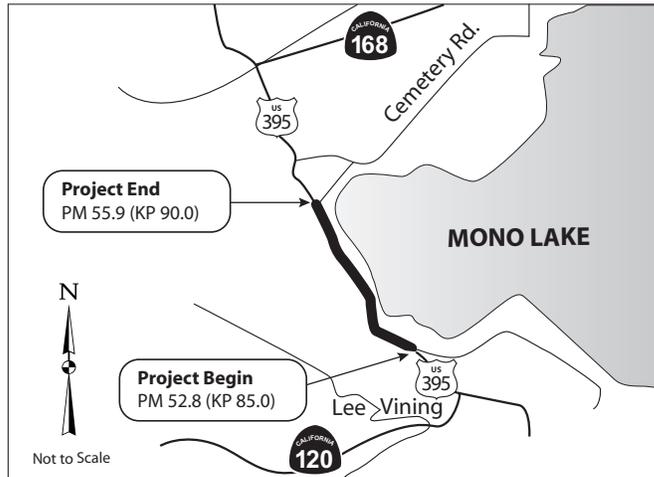
Extension of Comment Period Environmental Assessment/Draft Environmental Impact Report available for U.S. Highway 395 Announcement of Public Hearing

WHEN AND WHERE

Date: October 29, 2003

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

Place: Lee Vining
Community Center
296 Mattly Avenue
Lee Vining, CA 93541



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) is proposing to improve U.S. Highway 395 in Mono County between Picnic Grounds Road and Cemetery Road. This project proposes to upgrade 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) by: widening the existing shoulders to 2.4 meters (8 feet), improving five existing pullout locations and constructing one new vista site, upgrading the highway's cross drainage facilities, and expanding the rockfall retention areas adjacent to southbound shoulders.

WHY THIS AD

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 an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Environmental Assessment and Draft Environmental Impact Report and of its availability for you to read.

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 moved by the project.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

You can look at or obtain the Draft Environmental Impact Report at the CALTRANS District 9 Office at 500 South Main Street, Bishop, CA 93514, on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Maps and other information are also available. There are also copies of the report available at the following Mono County Libraries: Bridgeport Branch, 94 North School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517, Mammoth Lakes Branch, 960 Forest Trails, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and Lee Vining Branch, 51710 Highway 395, Lee Vining, CA

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the report, you may submit your written comments until **December 1, 2003** to CALTRANS, Attention: Juan Torres, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726-5428.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call CALTRANS at 760-872-0601.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 9 Public Affairs Office at (760) 872-0603 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.