



# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Availability of a DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT and ANNOUNCEMENT of a PUBLIC MEETING

### Caltrans District 5 Maintenance Station and Equipment Shop Relocation Project

#### HYBRID PUBLIC MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, November 29, 2023

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



**Where:** Octagon Barn, 4400 Octagon Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Online access/website—Microsoft TEAMS meeting via the link on the Caltrans project page at:

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#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct and operate a new District 5 maintenance station and equipment shop and associated site improvements on state-owned property (APN 076-071016) at 4485 Vachell Lane in San Luis Obispo County, California. After construction is complete, the project proposes to relocate the existing facilities, equipment, and employees of the District 5 Maintenance Station and Equipment Shop currently located at 66 Madonna Road and 50 Higuera Street. Two build alternatives are being evaluated: Alternative 1 would provide the project site with onsite water and sewer through the construction of a new groundwater well and septic system. Alternative 2 would provide the project site with water and sewer from the City of San Luis Obispo through the construction of new water and sewer pipelines along Vachell Lane, Buckley Road, and South Higuera Street.

#### WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Our studies show the project will significantly affect the quality of the environment, as documented in a report called a Draft Environmental Impact Report, which is now available for you to read and comment on. With implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, project impacts related to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, utilities and service systems and wildfire would be less than significant. However, project impacts related to aesthetic resources and agricultural resources would be significant and unavoidable, since mitigation measures identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Report were determined infeasible or would not reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level. The project site is not listed on any of the lists of hazardous materials sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. A hybrid public meeting (both in person and online) will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about features and impacts of the project with Caltrans staff before the final design is selected.

#### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Volume 1 of the Draft Environmental Impact Report is available for review and can be downloaded from the following website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/>

The report is also available for review in printed format at the following locations:

- Caltrans District Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, on weekdays during operating hours
- San Luis Obispo Library at 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, during operating hours

The technical environmental studies are available upon request. Please contact Lucas Marsalek, Associate Environmental Planner, by mail at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email at [lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov) or by telephone at 805-458-5408.

#### WHERE YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed satisfactorily in the environmental report? Do you have information that should be included? Do you have any questions, or would you like to make any comments? Your comments will become part of the public record. If you wish to comment, submit your written comments by Friday, January 5, 2024, to Caltrans Environmental Planning, Attention: Lucas Marsalek, Associate Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or by email at [lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov).

The public meeting is being held during the public review period for the draft environmental document to provide an overview of the proposed project and the draft environmental document, allow you to ask questions about the analysis in the environmental document, and provide your comments.

#### CONTACT

For more information or to request a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, please contact Lucas Marsalek, Associate Environmental Planner, at 805-458-5408 or by email at [lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov](mailto:lucas.marsalek@dot.ca.gov).

For information on other state highway projects, please visit the Caltrans District 5 website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me-district-5/> or contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov).

#### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov) or by phone at 805-549-3138. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.

