



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact Study Results Available Announcement of Public Hearing

I-5 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension Project



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?	<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), and the cities of San Clemente, Dana Point, and San Juan Capistrano, is proposing the addition of one carpool lane in each direction from Avenida Pico (PM 3.0) to San Juan Creek Road (PM 8.7). The addition of carpool lanes provides continuity to the I-5 carpool network. The additional lane is planned to be generally within the current freeway limits and is accomplished by limited widening and re-striping along the freeway. The project will minimize weaving where the current carpool lanes end and maintain travel speeds for carpool lane users. The project provides intermittent auxiliary lanes, where needed, to relieve congestion at diverge and merge locations; minimizes right-of-way acquisition; relieves congestion within interchange areas, on- and off-ramps, and at local intersections (including Avenida Pico); and reduces congestion on I-5 within the project limits.</p>
WHY THIS AD?	<p>The Department has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and of its availability for you to read.</p> <p>A public meeting will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Department staff before the final design is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right of way and construction will be discussed.</p>
WHAT'S AVAILABLE	<p>Maps for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying (for a fee) at the Department District 12 Office, 3347 Michelson Dr., Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92612 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment is also available for review during regular business hours at:</p> <p>San Clemente Public Library, 242 Avenida del Mar, San Clemente, CA 92672 from Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dana Point Public Library, 33841 Niguel Road, Dana Point, CA, 92629 from Monday through Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>San Juan Capistrano Public Library, 31495 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano, CA, 92675 from Monday through Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>And online at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist12/files/I5HOV/I-5_HOV.htm</p>
WHERE YOU COME IN	<p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact and the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than February 12, 2011 to Caltrans District 12 Office, 3347 Michelson Dr., Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92612-8894 (Attn: Scott Shelley) or e-mail to: I5HOV_Pico2PCH@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is January 14, 2011. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>
WHEN & WHERE?	<p>Date: Monday, January 31, 2011 Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Place: City of San Clemente Offices 910 Calle Negocio, 2nd Floor, San Clemente, CA 92673</p>
CONTACT	<p>Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Caltrans District 12, Attn: Scott Shelley at (949) 724-2705 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922</p> <p>For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Caltrans, Attn: Scott Shelley (949) 724-2705.</p>