

# MEDIA ADVISORY



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## CALTRANS ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE STATE ROUTE 180 WESTSIDE EXPRESSWAY

**Fresno** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be hosting an open forum Public Hearing tomorrow, Wednesday, March 30, 2011 from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Kerman Community Center, located at 15101 W. Kearney Blvd, Kerman, CA.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to provide the community an opportunity to comment and discuss certain features of the proposed State Route (SR) 180 adoption corridors before the final SR 180 corridor alternative is selected. Project Alternative Maps of the study areas will be available for review. A court reporter and Spanish language interpreter will be available for public comments regarding the Draft Environmental Study reports.

Caltrans is proposing that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) adopt a new corridor for State Route 180, from Interstate 5 to the end of the freeway portion of State Route 180, near Valentine in the city of Fresno. Caltrans would recommend the alternative determined to offer the most appropriate location for an ultimate Four-Lane Expressway for SR 180 to the CTC following public and resource agency review of the Route Adoption Study. The formal approval of the extension of SR 180 would enable Caltrans, in partnership with local governments, to plan for future transportation projects needed within the corridor.

The Draft Route Adoption Study Environmental Impact Report/Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and section (4)f Evaluation Statement, which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered, will be made available for public review and comments. Caltrans staff will be available to answer questions regarding the study findings. Alternative SR 180 corridors between Interstate 5 and Valentine Avenue in western Fresno County will be discussed. The ultimate adopted SR 180 corridor will define a general location for future proposals to extend and/or widen all or part of State Route 180 within the study area.

The State Route 180 Corridor Study Environmental documents can also be viewed on the Caltrans website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6/>

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