

SR 152 Route Rescission Frequently Asked Questions

What is the SR 152 rescission? Why now?

- State Route 152 (SR 152) was planned to be a “freeway” - a highway where access to the road is controlled - vehicles can only enter or exit the road from an on or offramp. Although property was purchased in the late 1960's and early 1970's by Caltrans to ultimately construct onramps and offramps with overcrossings and frontage roads, this route was never upgraded to its planned freeway designation. Caltrans plans to sell the parcels no longer needed for this freeway construction. To begin the excess land parcel sale process, Caltrans must first proceed with a Freeway Rescission. The initial Notice of Intent to Rescind SR 152 was presented to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on December 7, 2023. The proposed freeway rescission will start east of Los Banos and end just west of the Merced/Madera County line.

Will this portion of SR 152 stay the same?

- Yes. The proposed rescission will not change SR 152. Maintenance of the facility will remain the same, and speed limits will remain the same. No changes to the road are needed or planned for the rescission to take place.

How long does this process take?

- We are currently in the public comment period for the rescission process. After the comment period closes on March 25th, 2024, Caltrans will compile the comments received and will provide a recommendation to the CTC on whether to proceed with the rescission or not. The CTC may choose to hold a public hearing regarding the rescission either before or after they have received the recommendation from Caltrans. We anticipate the CTC will vote on the rescission at their June 2024 meeting. If the rescission is approved, Caltrans anticipates it will take 3-5 years to sell excess property along this route.

What does this Rescission mean for me and my property?

- In most instances, this rescission will not impact you in any way.

Who can buy the parcels?

- Caltrans has many rules and regulations we follow when selling our excess land. State and Federal laws require former landowners, current tenants and adjacent landowners be offered the first opportunity to purchase property under certain circumstances. Caltrans staff are currently researching each parcel we anticipate may be declared as excess to ensure we follow the required laws in offering parcels to eligible parties first, as we are required to do. Next in line are public agencies. Local agencies will have the

opportunity to purchase a parcel at fair market value for public use. After a parcel has been cleared from meeting these requirements, it will be sold at public auction.

I am currently a Caltrans tenant along this portion of SR 152 – what does this mean for me?

- Please contact your Caltrans property manager for information regarding your specific situation.

When will the parcels be available for sale?

- Once the rescission is adopted, it is anticipated that the first parcels will be available for purchase by public auction at the end of 2024.

Where can I find the most up to date information on the route rescission and what parcels are available for sale?

- Watch this website! If the freeway route designation is rescinded, this website will be updated with information on any potential excess land sales and sale dates.

If you have questions or comments about the rescission, please send them via email to:

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Comments are due by March 25, 2024.