



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Date:**

May 31, 2024

**Subject:**

Project Level Conformity Determination for the South Fresno State Route 99 Corridor Project (South Fresno 99 Project or Project) (CTIPS ID 203-00000752), located in Fresno, California.

### **BACKGROUND**

By this notice, the California Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announces a public comment period for certain technical analyses underlying its October 3, 2022, Project Level Conformity Determination for the South Fresno State Route 99 Corridor Project (South Fresno 99 Project or Project) (CTIPS ID 203-00000752), located in Fresno, California.

Following consultation with Federal and State agencies in 2020, on September 2, 2022, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) submitted to FHWA a request for a project-level air quality conformity determination for the South Fresno 99 Project. This Project is in an area designated Nonattainment or Maintenance for Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM 2.5/PM 10). The 2022 conformity analysis submitted by Caltrans indicates that the project-level transportation conformity requirements of 40 CFR Part 93 have been met. The Project is included in the Fresno Council of Governments' current Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, as amended. The design concept and scope of the preferred alternative have not changed substantially from those assumed in the regional emissions analysis submitted to FHWA on July 21, 2021, and the FHWA Regional Conformity Determination issued to the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, including the Fresno Council of Governments, on August 13, 2021.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

This Public Comment Period addresses only the conformity requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act (40 U.S.C. § 7401, *et seq.*). It does not address general air quality analysis or studies conducted for the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321, *et seq.*) or the California Environmental Quality Act (Calif. Pub. Res. Code § 21000 *et seq.*) or any other requirements.

Further, it addresses only pollutants for which the project area is designated nonattainment or attainment with an approved Maintenance State Implementation Plan by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This Public Comment Period is limited to air quality conformity requirements.

The following opportunities are being provided for public comments:

- **Online:** From May 31, 2024, to July 14, 2024, at <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FHWA-2024-0040/document>
- **In-person:** June 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Malaga Community Park & Recreation Center, 3582 S. Winery Avenue., Fresno, CA 93725. FHWA is the facilitator of the meeting.

To review relevant documents related to the Project Level Conformity Determination, see the following link:

- <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-0h240>

Upon receiving comments from the public and interested parties, FHWA will reassess its conformity determination and determine if additional analysis is warranted.

For questions or assistance, contact the FHWA at [hdaca@dot.gov](mailto:hdaca@dot.gov)