



PUBLIC NOTICE



Announcement of PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) and Availability of Notice of Preparation (NOP) for an EIR

North Madera 6 Lane Project on State Route 99

Project page



In-Person Meeting

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Fairmead Elementary School, Cafeteria
19421 Avenue 22 3/4
Chowchilla, California 93610

Virtual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-0y360>

Comments for the Notice of Preparation will be accepted from August 2 to September 2, 2025.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve State Route 99 from 4 lanes to 6 lanes from post mile 15.1 to post mile 19.9 in Madera County. The project limits extend from 0.5 mile north of the Avenue 17 Overcrossing to 1 mile south of the Avenue 21 Overcrossing. The project would construct two lanes within the existing median. The existing lanes and shoulders would be reconstructed using a rehab strategy. The existing lanes and shoulders would also be upgraded to the standard widths, where feasible. All ramps within the project limits would be overlaid with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), as required.

The Berenda Creek Bridge would be improved to accommodate the additional lane and standard shoulder widths. Dry Creek Bridge would be decked in the median to become one structure. New abutments and piers would be constructed for both bridges.

Median barriers would be installed throughout the project limits. Overhead signs and gore areas would be upgraded to current standards. Drainage facilities would be upgraded and expanded. Complete streets elements, such as sidewalks and crosswalks, would be implemented at the Avenue 18 1/2 Overcrossing, where feasible. All existing vegetation within the median would be removed. Existing trees and vegetation near the bridges may be removed to accommodate the bridge improvements.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

This public notice is to announce the availability of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the North Madera 6 Lane Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and that Caltrans will hold two public scoping meetings to provide information on the project and gather comments from the public.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Please come to either meeting, ask questions about the project, and give your comments to the project team. The virtual public scoping meeting will have a presentation prepared, with a website available to view supplemental information and maps. The in-person public scoping meeting will have informational displays and maps to view. Spanish language interpreters will be on hand to translate in both meetings, if needed. Comment cards will be available virtually and in person for you to submit written comments. A court reporter will be present at both meetings to capture spoken comments. Comments will be accepted until September 2, 2025.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, contact Mike Day, Project Manager, by email at mike.day@dot.ca.gov or call 559-383-5247. If you are unable to attend the meetings but still want to provide written comments, you can send them by email to javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov or by U.S. mail to Javier Almaguer, Environmental Office Chief, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726.

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 6 Public Information Office at d6.public.info@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 559-488-4067. 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.

