

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)/ NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND PUBLIC OPEN FORUM HEARING FOR THE I-80 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT

*Información acerca de este proyecto está disponible en español en <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm>

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED: The Interstate 80 (I-80) Express Lanes Project proposes to provide approximately 18 miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Express Lanes in both the westbound and eastbound direction of I-80 from west of Red Top Road to east of I-505, within Solano County in the cities of Fairfield and Vacaville. The HOV/Express Lane would be a specially designated freeway lane that is free for carpools and other eligible HOV users, but also gives single-occupancy-vehicles the option to pay a toll to use the Express Lane. The purpose of the Project is to provide an immediate benefit to traveling individuals by maximizing the use of the existing freeway infrastructure and expanding capacity to move people and traffic through the corridor efficiently.



WHY THIS NOTICE: An Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) with a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the I-80 Express Lanes Project for public circulation. This notice is to inform you that the IS/EA was published on July 20, 2015, and will be circulated for public review with a closing date on August 18, 2015. A public open forum hearing will be held to provide you an opportunity to comment on the document and project.

Additionally, noise abatement options have been evaluated at potential noise affected areas along the project corridor. The location of the noise measurements and abatement options will be presented at the public hearing and comments regarding the potential barrier locations are requested.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This Project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM_{2.5} hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clear Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hotspot analysis. The Project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE: The IS/EA and proposed MND is available for review online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.html> and at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Caltrans District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland CA 94612
- Solano Transportation Authority, One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585
- Vacaville Public Library – Cultural Library, 1020 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville, CA 95687
- Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

TTY users may request copies of the document in alternate formats through the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY), 1 (800) 735-2929 (Voice) or 711. If there are any questions, please contact Zachary Gifford, Associate Environmental Planner, at (510) 286-5610.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM HEARINGS: We welcome your comments on the IS/EA and proposed MND. We are offering an opportunity for you to view information about this Project at a public hearing in an open house format on:

August 4, 2015 6:00-8:00 pm
Solano County Events Center
Conference Room B
601 Texas Street
Fairfield, CA 94533

For language translation, special seating accommodation or other assistance at the public hearing, please contact Zachary Gifford at (510) 286-5610 at least five days prior to the hearing.

HOW TO COMMENT:

Written comments on the environmental document may be submitted via regular mail to:

Zachary Gifford, Associate Environmental Planner
Office of Environmental Analysis/Mail Station 8B
Department of Transportation, District 4
111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612

Comments can also be sent via email to: zachary.gifford@dot.ca.gov.
Written comments shall be received by 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2015.