California Department of Transportation

December 12, 2025

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Re: Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)
Hueneme Road Widening Project HIPL-5952(215)

The County of Ventura (County) Department of Public Works prepared a Draft EA for the Hueneme Road Widening Project (project). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project is located just outside the Oxnard city limits, in the unincorporated area of Ventura County, along Hueneme Road between Edison Drive and Rice Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County proposes to widen an approximate 1.93-mile portion of Hueneme Road, between Edison Drive and Rice Avenue, from a 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane roadway with buffered bike lanes, a paved median, and turn lanes. The purpose of the project is to improve vehicle and bicycle travel and safety between the Cities of Oxnard and Camarillo.

Hueneme Road has been identified in past and recent regional transportation plans and studies as a candidate for road widening. In 2005, the County's Subsequent Environmental Impact Report for Focused General Plan Update amended the Public Facilities map to reflect the road widening of the Regional Road Network to accommodate projected traffic flows for the year 2020. In addition, the 2009 Ventura County Congestion Management Plan identified roadway improvements which included Hueneme Road from Oxnard City limits to Rice Avenue. The General Plan also includes the County's plan for Transportation and Mobility and identifies Hueneme Road as "approaching unstable flow with tolerable operating speeds subject to considerable and sudden variation, little freedom to maneuver and with major delays at signals."

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EA evaluates the potentially significant environmental effects of the project related to the areas of Existing and Future Land Use, Consistency with State, Regional, and Local Plans, Farmlands, Growth, Community Character and Cohesion, Relocations and Real Property Acquisition, Utilities/Emergency Services, Transportation, Visual/Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Water Quality and Stormwater Runoff, Geology/ Soils/ Seismic/ Topography Hazardous Waste/ Materials, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration, Wildlife Species, and Animal Species. The Draft EA identifies feasible avoidance and minimization measures that would reduce potential impacts to these resource areas. The project would not result in substantial adverse impacts in any resource area. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan.

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Because the project area is Attainment/Unclassified for carbon monoxide and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5), no hot spot analysis is required for the project-level conformity determination by the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, Sections 93.116 and 93.123. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

The Draft EA must be made available for public review and comment for 30 days prior to making a final determination; the public circulation period for the Draft EA began on 11/14/2025 and has been extended to 01/14/2026. Interested parties may submit their comments in writing by 5:00 p.m. 01/14/2026. All comments received by closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final EA for the project. Written comments may be submitted via postal or electronic mail to the following address:

County of Ventura Department of Public Works
Attention: Matt Hespenheide
Hall of Administration
800 South Victoria Avenue #L1620
Ventura, CA 93009
Email: Matt.Hespenheide@venturacounty.gov

PUBLIC HEARING

Caltrans and the County will hold a hearing for the project at the following location:

Date: December 30, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Ventura County Hall of Administration, Lower Plaza Assembly Room, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009

Translation in other languages can be made available at the meeting upon request. Please submit translation requests at least seven days in advance of the scheduled meeting to: Yvette.Perez@ventruacounty.gov

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

An electronic version of the Draft EA and this notice are available on the project website at https://publicworks.venturacounty.gov/2025/09/04/environmental-impact-report-hueneme-widening/

A copy of the Draft EA is available for review at the following location between 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday: County of Ventura Department of Public Works, Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue #L1620, Ventura, CA 93009. Questions regarding this Notice of Public Hearing should be directed to Mr. Matt Hespenheide at (805) 654-2187 or Matt.Hespenheide@venturacounty.gov

ADA AND TITLE IV ACCOMODATIONS

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations, interpretation services, and materials in another language or in an alternate format may contact Matt Hespenheide at (805) 654-2187. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use the California Relay Service 711.