

Memorandum

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To: California State Clearinghouse
California Responsible Agencies
California Trustee Agencies
County of Lake Administrative Office
US Fish and Wildlife Service
California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Central Valley Waterboards
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
California Transportation Commission
Middletown Rancheria of Pomo Indians of
California
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Date: July 1, 2025

Lead Agency: Caltrans District 1
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AND HEARINGS FOR THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY FOR THE MIDDLETOWN
SAFETY SOUTH PROJECT.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the Middletown Safety South Project on State Route 29 between Post Miles 5.0 and 5.9 in Lake County. The proposed project work includes shoulder widening to accommodate standard shoulder widths (8' width), left turn channelization, two way left turn lane (TWLTL), new and modified curb ramps, bulbouts, approximately 1,200 feet of new sidewalk, lighting, installation of two pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), and extending two existing culverts to maintain drainage (PM 5.24 and the system at PMs 5.37–5.45). Additional drainage system improvements include replacement of 1 culvert and repair to 1 drainage inlet.

Public Review and Comment Period

Caltrans invites the public to comment on the Draft Initial Study Document in response to this NOA. A 30 day comment period will begin on July 21, 2025 and end on August 19, 2025. In

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your response include your name, the name of your agency or organization (if applicable), and contact information. The document will be available **by appointment** for public review and copying Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from July 21, 2025 until August 19, 2025 at the Caltrans District 1 office, 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501. Please call (707) 445-6600 to make an appointment. Alternative locations where the document is located are: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-1/d1-projects/d1-middletownsafety-south> and the Middletown Public Library, 21256 Washington St, Middletown, CA 95461.

Comments on the Draft Initial Study may be submitted via U.S. mail to Caltrans District 1, Attn: Nicole Alber, 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501 by 5:00 p.m on August 19, 2025. In addition, comments may be provided at the open forum hearing on August 7, 2025 at the Community Meeting Room, 21256 Washington Street, Middletown, CA 95461 from 6:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m.