NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADPOT A PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE DURHAM PENTZ INTERSECTION PROJECT

WHAT IS PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve the existing intersection on SR 191 with Durham Pentz Road from PM 3.28 to 3.78. The current intersection configuration is a single-lane, four-leg temporary roundabout with painted features and a gravel central island. The posted speed limit is 55 mph on all legs. Prior to the temporary roundabout, this intersection was a four-way stop with an overhead flashing beacon. This intersection was changed to a temporary roundabout after the 2018 Camp Fire to help reduce delays to the trucks removing debris from the Paradise area. All temporary improvements were completed within the available right of way. This project proposes to improve the existing temporary roundabout by installing a permanent roundabout with a larger inscribed circle diameter, raised splitter islands, raised truck apron, and chicanes. The project will also include electrical work such as, improving lighting, modifying flashing beacons, and upgrading a count station. Other proposed work includes upgrading signs, improvements to traffic striping, improving drainage including culverts and ditches, and constructing Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MVPs). Improvements to culverts and ditches will occur at the proposed MVPs, gas station driveway, and proposed driveway leading to the strawberry field on the east leg of Durham-Pentz Road, as well as around the roundabout. Tree removal and underground and overhead utility relocation may be required. Seven foot deep ground disturbance could occur during utility pole relocations. Acquisition of property rights will be required to accommodate the proposed roundabout improvements. Three parcels will be acquired in fee and a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) will be required from the gas station for electrical work.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE

The environmental document, referred to as the Initial Study with the Proposed Negative Declaration, is available for review from January 5, 2026 to February 4, 2026 at the following locations:

- On the web at: https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs
- Butte College Library, 3536 Butte Campus Drive, Oroville, CA 95965
- Butte County Public Library Chico Branch, 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
- Butte County Public Library Oroville Branch, 1820 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966

COMMENTS

We welcome your comments.

Please submit your comments via postal mail to the following address:

California Department of Transportation
Environmental Management M1 Branch
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Attn: Caitlin Greenwood

Comments may be submitted via e-mail to the following address: 03_3J930_Project_Inbox@dot.ca.gov

All comments must be received by **February 4, 2026**. For more information about this project, please contact Bikramjit Kahlon – Project Manager at (530) 812-5049 or by email at Bikramjit.Kahlon@dot.ca.gov.

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