

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Option for Virtual Public Meeting

SLO 166 CAPM

(Study Results Available)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from Thursday, February 26, 2026 to Saturday, March 28, 2026. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE?

A virtual public meeting will be available upon request.

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

This project is on State Route 166 in San Luis Obispo County starting at the north junction of US-101/SR-166 and ending 0.45 mile west of the Huasna River Bridge. This project proposes to preserve 14.2 Lane Miles of Class 2 pavement between postmiles 8.9 and 16.0, restore three drainage systems, replace two drainage culverts, add a new culvert and drainage inlets to an existing drainage system, upgrade guardrails and end treatments to current Manual of Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards, construct concrete barriers, install class II bike lanes at the Route 166/101 interchange with conflict striping and add bicycle way-finding.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

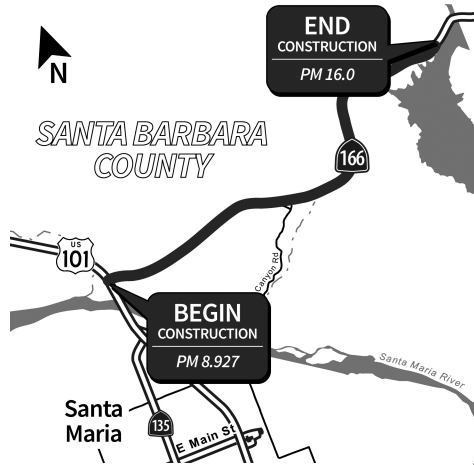
Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. A virtual public meeting will be available upon request to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with Caltrans' staff before the final design is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations:

Online at:

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA (Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- Santa Maria Public Library, 421 S McClelland St, Santa Maria, CA 93454, (Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)



CONTACT

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments and/or request a public meeting in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than March 28, 2026, to Caltrans, Attention: Lucas Marsalek, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to Lucas.Marsalek@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comment is February 26, 2026. If there are no major comments Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

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 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. 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.