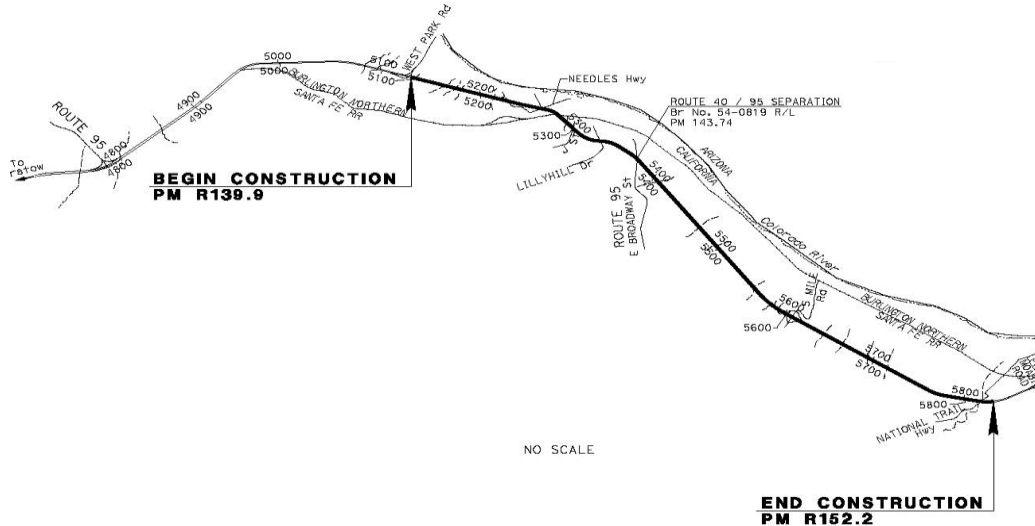




# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration Announcement of Opportunity for Public Hearing I-40 Bridge Scour Project San Bernardino County, CA



### WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to upgrade structures and improve other deficiencies along Interstate 40 from Post Mile R139.0 to R152.2 in Needles, San Bernardino County, California. Improvements would include replacing the existing Rock Slope Protection, and partially grouted rock slope protection apron areas at Whale Mountain Wash (Bridge Numbers 54-0668L and 54-0668R) per the latest Advance Planning Study (APS). There are a total of eight (8) aprons extending along the roadway shoulder at each bridge approach and departure. In addition, upgrading guard rail end treatments to latest standards and installing vegetation control, sign panels with higher reflectivity, and lighting to the latest standards. All work is within the State right of way, including access to Whale Mountain Wash.

### WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND). This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the ISMND and of its availability for you to read, and to offer the opportunity for a public hearing.

### WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email to: [08-1M420@dot.ca.gov](mailto:08-1M420@dot.ca.gov)

### WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an ISMND? 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? Would you like a public hearing?

Please submit your comments or request for a public hearing in writing no later than **April 23, 2026**, to:

Cesar Garcia, Acting Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor  
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464 West 4th Street, MS 820  
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

or via email to: [08-1M420@dot.ca.gov](mailto:08-1M420@dot.ca.gov)

The date we will begin accepting comments is **March 25, 2026**. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

### CONTACT

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 553-6837. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, call or write to Jaspinder Hampal, Chief of Public and Media Affairs, 464 W. 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401; (909) 553-6837; or use the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.