



Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: May 15, 2026

Subject: Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nash Road Closure Project

Lead Agency: San Benito High School District

Project Title: Nash Road Closure

Notice is hereby given that San Benito High School District (District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Nash Road Closure Project (Proposed Project) pursuant to CEQA. Based on the IS, the District has determined that, with mitigation, the Proposed Project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is the appropriate CEQA compliance document. The District is providing public notice in compliance with CEQA Guidelines §§ 15072 and 15073, of the California Code of Regulations, as amended.

Project Location: Nash Road (Between Monterey Street and West Street), City of Hollister, CA 95023. Refer to **Figure 1 (Proposed Project Regional Location)** and **Figure 2 (Proposed Project Site and Vicinity)**.

Project Description: The San Benito High School District proposes to permanently close a segment of Nash Road between Monterey Street and West Street adjacent to Hollister High School in the City of Hollister, California (Proposed Project). The roadway segment is currently closed to vehicular traffic between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the weekdays using a gated system to reduce traffic conflicts near the school campus, with limited emergency vehicle access provided through a preemption device. The Proposed Project would extend this existing daytime closure to a 24-hour closure, eliminating nighttime access to through traffic. No new roadway construction or physical improvements are proposed. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to enhance student safety, campus security, and pedestrian circulation by removing vehicular through traffic along Nash Road adjacent to school facilities at all times.

Environmental Determination: The District has prepared an IS to determine the Proposed Project's potential impact on the environment. The District has determined that the Proposed project may have significant impacts to hazardous materials and Transportation but, by implementing the identified mitigation measure in Transportation, the Proposed Project's impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels. Accordingly, the District intends to adopt an IS/MND.

Hazardous Materials: CEQA requires the Notice of Intent to disclose whether the site on which a proposed project is located is included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, regarding hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or hazardous waste disposal sites. The Project Site (Nash Road between Monterey Street and West Street) is not known to be included on a Cortese List database. However, the roadway is located within and adjacent to the Hollister High School campus area, which has been subject to environmental investigation and cleanup under the oversight of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). Environmental investigations identified localized lead-impacted soils, which were subsequently remediated

through excavation and off-site disposal. DTSC issued a determination of No Further Action (NFA) for the site in March 2024.

Public Review Period: The public review period will commence on **May 15th, 2026**, and will close on **June 14th, 2026**. The IS/MND is available for review at 1) www.sanbenitohsd.gov/finance-operations or in person at the San Benito High School District's office located at 1220 Monterey Street, Hollister, CA 95023.

Submission of Comments: Written comments must be received in writing or by email, by the end of the review period, June 14th at 11:59 p.m. Please send all written comments to the following point of contact:

San Benito High School District
Attn: Shawn Tennenbaum, Ed.D., Superintendent
1220 Monterey Street
Hollister, CA 95023
Email: stennenbaum@sbhsd.k12.ca.us
Subject line: "Nash Road Closure Project"

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Proposed Project Regional Locations

Figure 2 – Proposed Project Site and Vicinity

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 Site Location

Base Map: ESRI World Topographic Map

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PROJECT: San Benito HS District

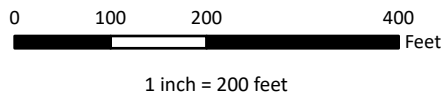
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Proposed Project Regional Location

FIGURE 1

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-  Project Site
 -  San Benito High School Campus
- Aerial Imagery Source: Nearmap (July 30, 2025)

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Proposed Project Site and Vicinity

FIGURE 2