PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of Initial Study and Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

Public Meeting

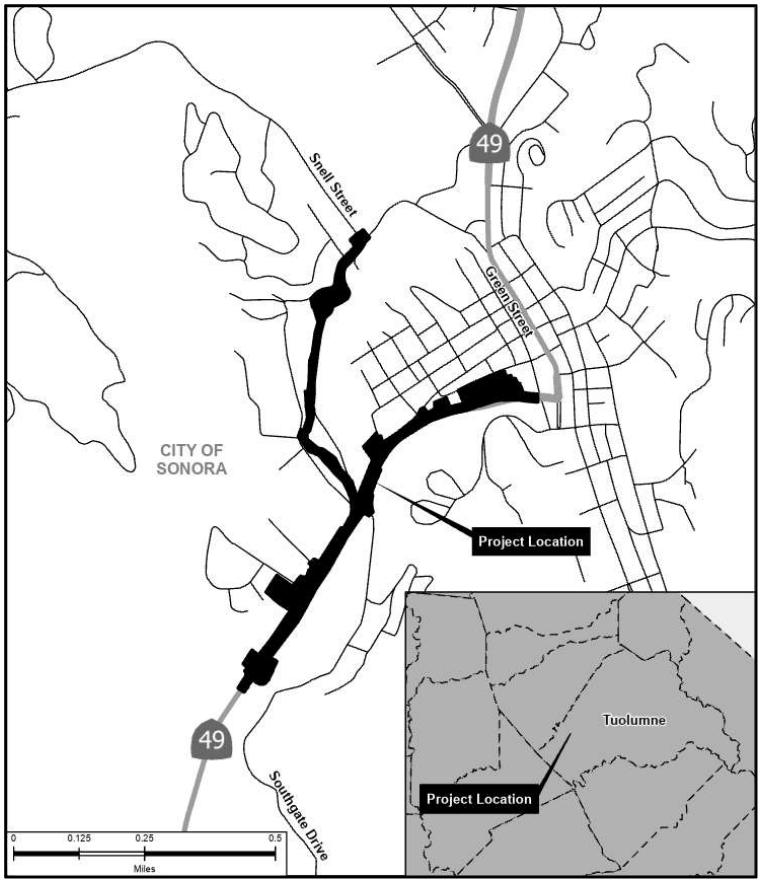
DATE: August 3, 2026 TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Sonora City Hall

94 North Washington Sonora, CA 95370

The Sonora City Council will be holding a special agenda item at its August 3, 2026 regular meeting to discuss this project and provide an opportunity for stakeholders or members of the public to provide comments. The City will also be making a recommendation to Caltrans for a Locally Preferred Alternative.

Access: Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-948-7543 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or by dialing 711.



Public Comment Period

Comments will be accepted from July 15, 2026, to August 14, 2026. Comments received during this period will be considered and incorporated into the final Initial Study. If there are no major comments or requests for a public hearing, Caltrans and the City of Sonora will proceed with the project's design.

What's Being Planned?

The California Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the City of Sonora, is proposing to construct a 1.5-mile Class I multi-use trail along State Route 49 and Woods Creek. In addition to the proposed trail, the project would construct Americans with Disabilities Act improvements and restripe portions of State Route 49 to narrow and shift existing lanes.

Why This Public Notice?

Caltrans and City of Sonora have studied the effects this project may have on the environment, and studies prepared for the project show that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform the public that the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for review and comment. At the August 3, 2026, City Council meeting, the public will be provided with an opportunity to discuss the project with Caltrans and City staff and provide input before the final design is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right-of-way and construction will be discussed.

Where You Come In

If you have any comments or concerns about the proposed project or disagree with the findings of the study as described in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, please submit your comments, in writing by U.S. mail or email no later than August 14, 2026, to Caltrans, Attention: Jonathan Coley, Senior Environmental Scientist, 1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, California 95205, or by email to Jonathan.Coley@dot.ca.gov.

What's Available?

The complete Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, with associated figures and appendices, is available for review at:

- Caltrans District 10 Office – 1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard, Stockton, CA 95205 on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- Sonora City Hall – 94 North Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- Tuolumne County Library – 480 Greenly Road, Sonora, CA 95370 on weekdays from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM.
- Digital copies are available at: https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-10/district-10-current-projects#tuolumne

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Contact

For more information about this project or to request an electronic or hard copy version of the document, please contact Jonathan Coley, Senior Environmental Scientist, at Jonathan.Coley@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-479-4083. For all other state highway matters in the area, please contact the District 10 Public Information Office at district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov or by phone at 209-948-7543.