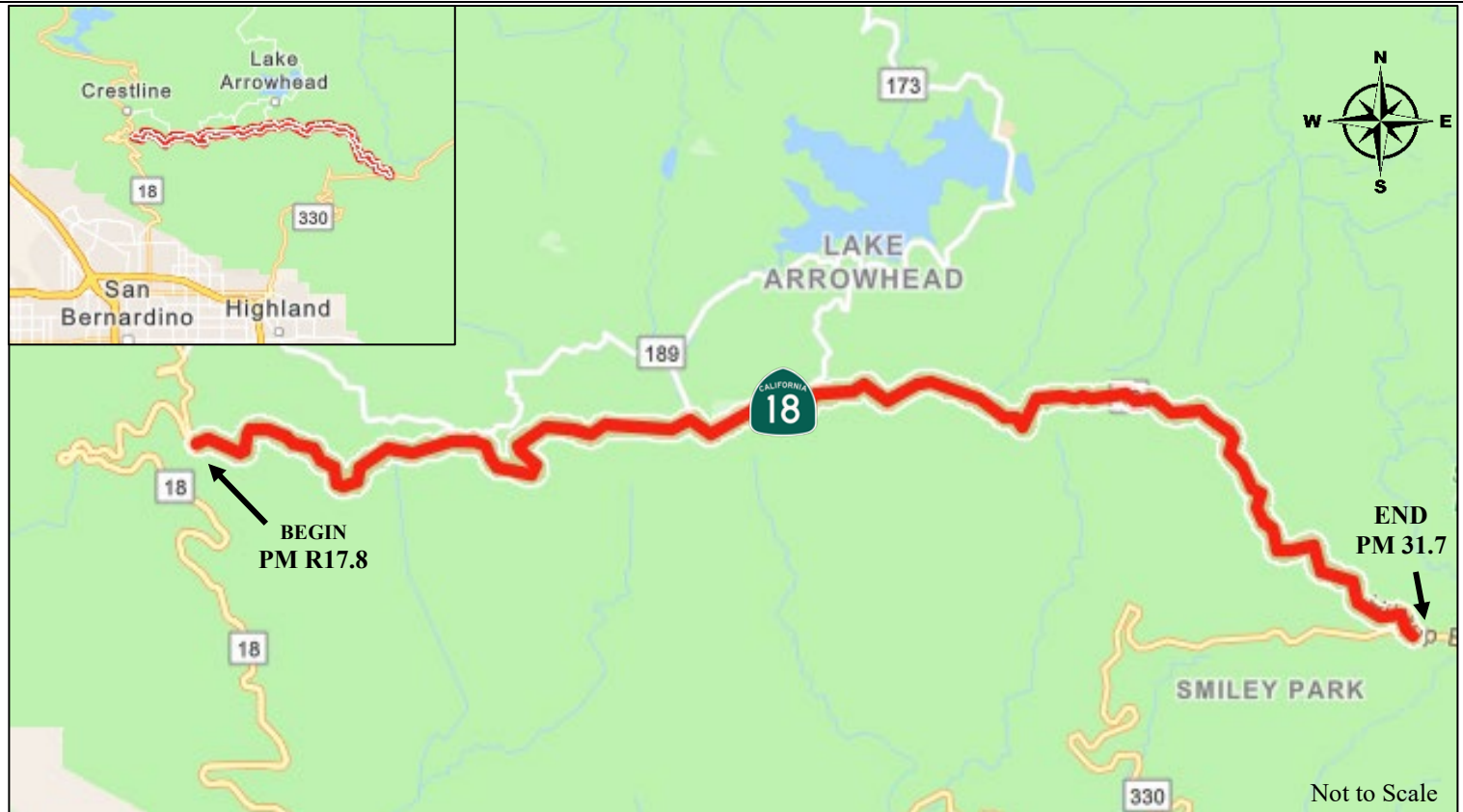




PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment

SR-18 PAVEMENT AND CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to extend the pavement service life and implement roadway improvements along State Route 18 (SR-18) from Post Mile (PM) R17.8 to 31.7, which is from 0.1 mile east of route 138/18 separation to View Drive. The project scope includes cold plane and overlay, replace asphalt concrete surfacing (digout), guardrail and end treatment upgrades, vegetation control, guardrail patina stain, centerline rumble strip and recessed pavement marker replacement, asphalt concrete dike replacement, Transportation Management System (TMS) elements, bicycle signage, bicycle obstruction markings, bicycle friendly grates, replacement of 14 culverts, drainage feature installation/replacement, embankment repair, sidewalk replacement, and installation of concrete barrier at bridge structure locations.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and carbon monoxide (CO) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an *Initial Study (IS) (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)/Environmental Assessment (EA)*. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the *Initial Study (with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)/Environmental Assessment* and of its availability for you to read, and to also offer the opportunity to request a public hearing or to provide comments, and the intent to adopt this *IS (with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration)/EA*.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the *IS (with Proposed MND)/EA*, including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email (D8.1L110.Comments@dot.ca.gov) or via phone at (909)261-3955.

WHERE YOU COME IN	Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>IS (with Proposed MND)/EA</i>? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>IS (with Proposed MND)/EA</i>? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? We'd like to hear what you think. Please submit your comments via email or in writing, no later than August 31, 2026 to: California Department of Transportation ATTN: Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Scientist 464 W. 4th Street, MS 823 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400; or via email to D8.1L110.Comments@dot.ca.gov Please use "SR-18 CULVERTS REPAIR PROJECT" in the subject line of the email. The date we will begin accepting comments is July 29, 2026. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.
CONTACT	For more information about this project please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Environmental Planning at (909) 261-3955. For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, large print, audiocassette, or a computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these formats, write to Malisa Lieng, Senior Environmental Scientist, 464 W. 4th Street, MS 823, San Bernardino, California 92401, or you may contact the California Relay Service 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1(800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech to Speech), or dial 711.