



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

## SR-79 CAPM Drainage and Bridge Rail Project



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| WHAT'S BEING PLANNED | The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair pavement and culverts on State Route (SR)-79 from Post Mile (PM) M31.7 to 40.4 and on Interstate (I)-10 at PM 7.6 at the junction of SR-79, in Riverside County. Improvements would include cold plane and overlay of mainlines, shoulders, and ramps including digouts where needed; upgrading guardrail and end treatments with vegetation control underneath; upgrading existing curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and installing new curb ramps, pedestrian heads, and push buttons; repairing or replacing culverts; replacing sign panels; modifying the signal system and traffic census stations; implementing roadside safety improvements at gore areas; rock slope protection (RSP); replacing bridge railings and installing chain link or tubular railing on top of existing bridge railings; constructing new sidewalks; and installing Class II bike lanes, and enhanced crosswalk marking and striping where appropriate. |
| 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 explains why it's called an <i>Initial Study (IS) (with Proposed Negative Declaration)</i> . This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the <i>Initial Study (with Proposed Negative Declaration)</i> 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 Negative Declaration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| WHAT'S AVAILABLE?    | Copies of the <i>IS (with Proposed ND)</i> , including associated maps, and other project information are available by request via email ( <a href="mailto:D8.1M340.Comments@dot.ca.gov">D8.1M340.Comments@dot.ca.gov</a> ) or via phone at (909)261-3955.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| WHERE YOU COME IN    | <p>Do you have any comments about processing the project with an <i>IS (with Proposed ND)</i>? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the <i>IS (with Proposed ND)</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 September 24, 2026 to:</p> <p>California Department of Transportation<br/>ATTN: Malisa Lieng, Branch Chief<br/>464 W. 4th Street, MS 823<br/>San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;<br/>or via email to <a href="mailto:D8.1M340.Comments@dot.ca.gov">D8.1M340.Comments@dot.ca.gov</a><br/>Please use "SR-79 CAPM Drainage and Bridge Rail Project" in the subject line of the email.</p> <p>The date we will begin accepting comments is August 24, 2026. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| CONTACT              | For more information about this project please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-4631. 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, please write to Caltrans, Attn: Malisa Lieng, 464 West Fourth Street, MS-823, San Bernardino, CA 92401, or you may contact the California Relay Service at 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |