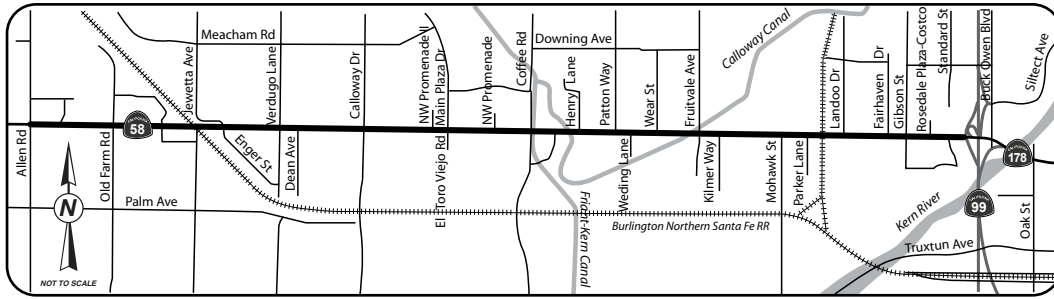




PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Announcement of Public Hearings State Route 58 (Rosedale Highway) Widening Project



• **Public Hearing** (in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act)

When: January 5, 2012, at 5:30 PM

Where: City Hall South-City Council Chambers,
1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301

The January 5th CEQA Public Hearing will be held by the City of Bakersfield Planning Commission.

• **Public Hearing** (in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act)

When: January 10, 2012, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: The Connection Assembly of God Church at 7220
Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield, California 93308

The January 10th NEPA Public Hearing will be held by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The Caltrans Public Hearing will be held in an open house format. You may drop in any time between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM to review project maps, ask questions, or make comments.

If you cannot attend either meeting, you can submit your comments in writing no later than January 24, 2012, via regular mail to Bryan Apper, Southern Valley Environmental Analysis Branch, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, California 93721 or by email at bryan_apper@dot.ca.gov.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The City of Bakersfield, as the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency, and Caltrans, as the National Environmental Policy Act lead agency, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration, propose improvements to State Route 58 (known locally as Rosedale Highway) from west of Allen Road (post mile 46.1) to State Route 99 (post mile 51.7). The project is located within the City of Bakersfield and in portions of unincorporated Kern County. The project proposes to construct two additional lanes (one in each direction) on State Route 58 between Allen Road and State Route 99. East of Gibson Street, the lanes would transition to the existing configuration. Other improvements would include minor changes, such as re-striping approach lanes to provide an additional turn lane on the side-street approaches to State Route 58. With the proposed improvements, State Route 58 would increase from a four-lane roadway to a six-lane roadway from Allen Road to State Route 99. In addition, a grade-separated rail crossing (the road would go over the railroad) would ultimately be built in the future where State Route 58 crosses the San Joaquin Valley Railroad rail line between Mohawk Street and Landco Drive.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The City of Bakersfield and Caltrans have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment with the incorporation of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures. The report that explains the effects of the project is called an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (IS/MND/EA). This notice is to advise you of the availability of the IS/MND/EA for your review and comment between December 9, 2011 and January 24, 2012.

This notice also serves as notification that the project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including the localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Sections 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern for PM10 or PM2.5, as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). Project-level hot-spot analyses for PM10 and PM2.5 were conducted. It is anticipated that the project would not worsen existing air quality, cause an exceedance, or cause any new violations of the PM2.5 and PM10 standards. PM project-level transportation conformity

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about the project or any findings in the IS/MND/EA? Do you disagree with the findings of our studies as set forth in the proposed IS/MND/EA? Please attend the Public Hearings detailed above and/or send your written comments to Bryan Apper, Southern Valley Environmental Analysis Branch, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, California 93721 or by email at bryan_apper@dot.ca.gov.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Draft IS/MND/EA and Technical Studies are available for review between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM at the Caltrans District 6 Office, 1352 West Olive Avenue, Fresno, California 93728; the Thomas Roads Improvement Program Office, 900 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 200, Bakersfield, California 93301; the County of Kern Planning Department, 2700 M Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, California 93301; the City of Bakersfield Planning Division, 1715 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301; the Kern Council of Governments, 1401 19th Street, Suite 300, Bakersfield, California 93301; the Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93301; the Eleanor Wilson Branch Library, 1901 Wilson Road, Bakersfield, California 93304; the Bryce C. Rathbun Branch Library, 200 West China Grade Loop, Bakersfield, California 93308; and the Southwest Branch Library, 8301 Ming Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93311.

CONTACT

For general information about this project, please contact Paul Pineda, Project Manager, at (661) 326-3416 or by email at paul_pineda@dot.ca.gov. For all other state highway matters please contact the Caltrans District 6 Public Affairs Office at (559) 488-4067. For further information about the City of Bakersfield Thomas Roads Improvement Program projects, please contact Janet Wheeler at (661)326-3491.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Caltrans will provide documentation in alternate formats to individuals with disabilities. To obtain such services, please contact the Caltrans District 6 Office at (559) 445-6282 or call the District TTY at (800) 735-2922. Caltrans shall ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity it administers.