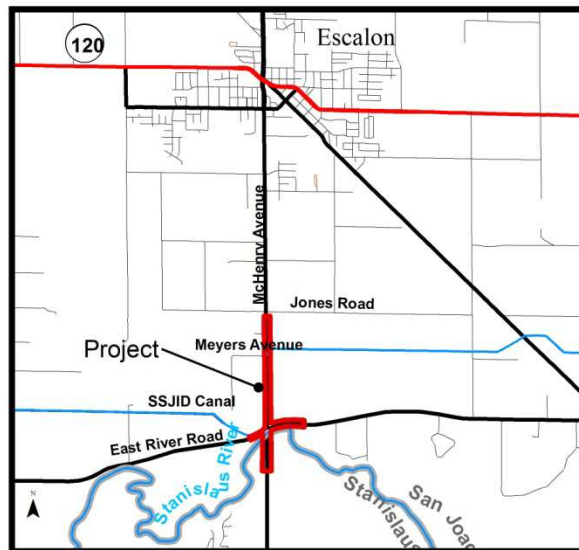




PUBLIC NOTICE



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY with PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE MCHENRY AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency in the preparation of an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The County of San Joaquin is designated as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in cooperation with Stanislaus County.

The McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project is an aggregate of three component projects:

- Widening of McHenry Avenue to accommodate a two-way center left turn lane from just south of Jones Road to south of Stanislaus River, and improvement of the McHenry Avenue/East River Road intersection. The project limits extend along McHenry Avenue from approximately 200 feet south of Jones Road in San Joaquin County to approximately 1,700 feet south of East River Road in Stanislaus County. The project limits also extend along East River Road in San Joaquin County, from approximately 1,300 feet east of McHenry Avenue to approximately 700 feet west of McHenry Avenue.
- Replacement and widening of the Stanislaus River Bridge (No. 38C-0032) on McHenry Avenue to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements.

- Replacement and widening of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) Main Canal Bridge (No. 29C-0166) on McHenry Avenue to accommodate the proposed roadway improvements.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus Counties have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the IS/EA and its availability for you to read and to offer the opportunity for a public meeting.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction of this project are requested. The IS/EA is available for review at the following locations:

Caltrans District 10 Offices
 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
 Stockton, CA 92505
 Hours: Weekdays 8:00am – 5:00pm

San Joaquin County Dept of Public Works
 1810 E. Hazelton Avenue
 Stockton, CA 95205
 Hours: Weekdays 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00-5:00pm

Stanislaus County Dept of Public Works
 1716 Morgan Road
 Modesto, CA 95358
 Hours: Weekdays 8:00am – 5:00pm

Escalon Branch Library
 1540 Second St
 Escalon, CA 95320
 Hours: Tuesday 3pm-8pm, Wednesday & Thursday 1pm-6pm,
 Friday 12:00pm-5pm, Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm

WHERE YOU COME IN

A public information meeting will be held during the review period to discuss the project and the IS/EA with the public and receive public comments.

Date: Wednesday, March 27th, 2013
Location: Escalon Community Center
 1055 Escalon Avenue
 Escalon, CA 95320
Time: 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

A 30-day review period has been set to facilitate public comment. The review period is scheduled to run between **March 11, 2013** and **April 9, 2013**. Due to the time limits mandated by federal and state law, your response must be received **no later than April 9, 2013**.

CONTACT

Please indicate the following contact in your response and send your response to:

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SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (e.g. American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) must contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at (209) 948-7977. Telecommunications Devices for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or dial 711.