



Public Notice

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration

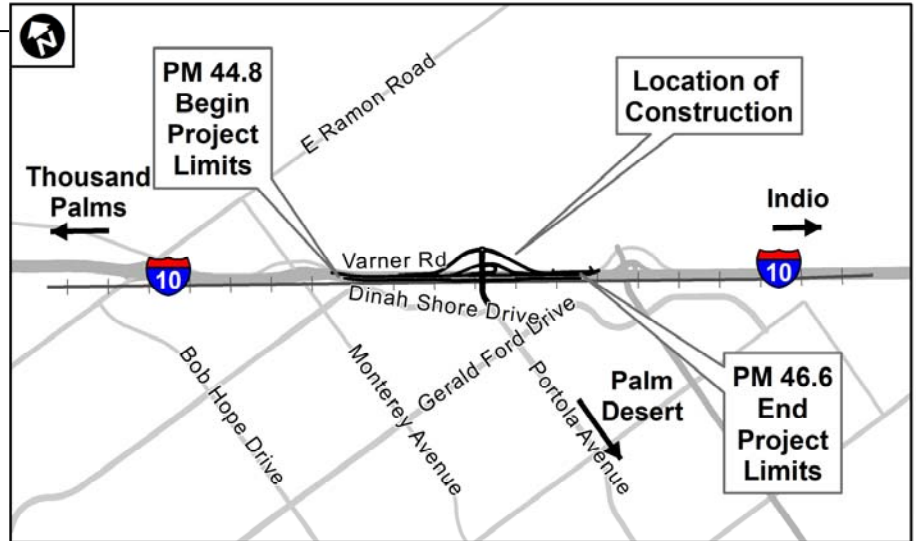
Notice of Availability of Initial Study

Announcement of Public Hearing

Interstate 10/Portola Avenue New Interchange Project

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of Palm Desert, proposes to construct a new interchange on Interstate 10 (I-10) at Portola Avenue in the City of Palm Desert between the Monterey Avenue and Cook Street interchanges. The proposed project would continue Portola Avenue in a northwest direction from Dinah Shore Drive to the realigned Varner Road, including a new bridge structure over I-10 and the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed project would serve to reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion on Monterey Avenue and Cook Street interchanges on I-10 and would accommodate planned infrastructure improvements in the project vicinity.



WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Riverside County and Caltrans have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with proposed Negative Declaration. This notice is to advise you that the preparation of this proposed Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read. A public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to ask questions of Project Team members regarding design features, the tentative schedule for the proposed project, including when potential acquisition of right of way may occur and when the project will be constructed.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

An Initial Study with proposed Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for public review beginning December 4, 2017 through January 4, 2018. During the public review period, a copy of the draft Negative Declaration will be available at:

- An electronic copy of the Draft IS/EA can also be viewed from the Caltrans website: www.caltrans8.info
- County of Riverside, Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501;
- City of Palm Desert Public Works Department, Palm Desert Civic Center, 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA; and
- 92260 Palm Desert Library, 73-300 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92260

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about the Initial Study and processing the project with a Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of the study as set forth in the proposed Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than January 4, 2018 to Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner, at California Department of Transportation 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823, San Bernardino, CA 92401 or email 10.Portola@dot.ca.gov. The date we will begin accepting comments is December 4, 2017. If there are no major comments, County of Riverside, Caltrans, and City of Palm Desert will proceed with the project's design.

WHEN AND WHERE

The public hearing will be held on December 19, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Palm Desert City Hall, Council Chambers 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner with the California Department of Transportation, located at 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823, San Bernardino, CA 92401, email 10.Portola@dot.ca.gov, call (909) 388-7070, or use the California Relay Service (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735 2929 (Voice) or 711.

CONTACT

For more information about this study, please contact Renetta Cloud, Senior Environmental Planner with the California Department of Transportation, located at 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 823, San Bernardino, CA 92401, email 10.Portola@dot.ca.gov, call (909) 388-7070, or use the California Relay Service (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735 2929 (Voice) or 711.