



Public Notice



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of the **DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** and NOTICE OF **OPEN FORUM PUBLIC HEARING**

Cold Spring Canyon Bridge Suicide Barrier Project on State Route 154



WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Place: San Marcos High School: The Cafeteria
4750 Hollister Ave, Santa Barbara, California 93110

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to install a barrier to act as a physical barricade to deter suicides on the Cold Spring Canyon Bridge on State Route 154, near San Marcos Pass in Santa Barbara County, between postmiles 22.9 and 23.1. Significant impacts to the bridge's visual and cultural qualities are anticipated as a result of the project.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

In response to the decision of the Superior Court for the County of Santa Barbara, which ruled that the public did not have adequate opportunity to comment on mitigation measures for visual/aesthetic and cultural resource impacts, Caltrans has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. This ad provides notification of the availability of the draft supplemental environmental document and the date and location of the Open Forum Public Hearing. The public hearing will be held to answer questions and to formally record comments related to the project, its alternatives, the impacts, and proposed mitigation. The hearing will be an Open Forum format so you may schedule your visit anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

Starting December 9, 2010, the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report and the June 2009 Final Environmental Impact Report for the Cold Spring Canyon Bridge Suicide Barrier project will be available for review at:

- Caltrans District 5 Office, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- City of Santa Barbara Central Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
- Solvang Branch Library, 1745 Mission Drive, Solvang, CA 93463
- Goleta Branch Library, 500 North Fairview Avenue, Goleta, CA 93117
- Montecito Branch Library, 1469 East Valley Road, Montecito, CA 93108
- Caltrans website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/sb_cold_springs/index.html

Project information will be available for viewing at the Open Forum Public Hearing. Caltrans design engineers, environmental planners, landscape architect, project manager, and other project staff will be available to discuss the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. You will be given the opportunity to make verbal comments to a court reporter and in writing.

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report is being circulated to allow you the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed visual/aesthetic and cultural resource mitigation/minimization measures and information on the alternative selection process. Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. If you wish to comment on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, you may submit your written comments by January 24, 2011, to Caltrans, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Attn. Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, or by email at matt_c_fowler@dot.ca.gov.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact Sara von Schwind, Project Manager, at (805) 549-3198 or by e-mail at sara_von_schwind@dot.ca.gov. If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the proposed project, please submit them in writing by January 24, 2011, to Matt Fowler, Senior Environmental Planner, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, or by e-mail at matt_c_fowler@dot.ca.gov. For all other State Highway information, please contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (Spanish Interpreter, American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are required to contact the District 5 Public Affairs Office at (805) 549-3318 at least 3 days before the Public Hearing. Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.