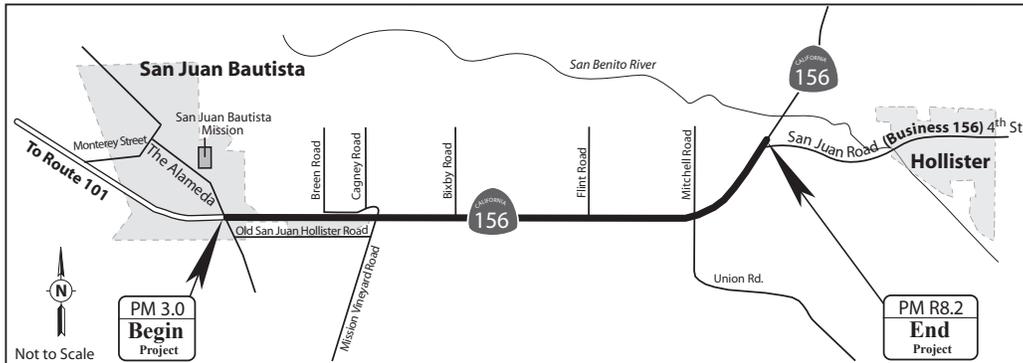




Public Notice

Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the San Benito 156 Improvement Project and Announcement of Open Forum Public Hearing



WHEN AND WHERE?

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2011
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Place: San Juan Elementary School
100 Nyland Drive
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED ?

The State Route 156 Improvement Project proposes to construct a four-lane expressway from The Alameda in San Juan Bautista to 0.2 mile east of Fourth Street (Business Route 156) in San Benito County. Caltrans has completed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report to the previously prepared and certified State Route 156 Improvement Project Final Environmental Impact Report (October 2008).

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report presents additional analysis or information in regards to hydrology, noise, California tiger salamander, and farmland impacts, as ordered by the San Benito County Superior Court Case Number CU-08-00176, Save San Juan Valley v. Caltrans in the Judgment and Writ of Mandate issued on February 3, 2010.

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show there is an unavoidable but significant impact to farmland that will be mitigated.

The Public Hearing will be an Open Forum/Open House format and no formal presentation will be made. You are invited to attend anytime between the hours of 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM to comment on the additional analysis or information in regards to hydrology, noise, California tiger salamander, and farmland impacts. Preliminary design plans and other project information will be available for viewing. Caltrans design engineers, environmental planners, and other project staff will be available to discuss your concerns. You will be given the opportunity to make verbal comments to a court reporter. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

You can look at or obtain the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report at the Caltrans District 5 Office of Public Affairs, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There are also copies of the document available at the San Benito County Free Library, 470 5th Street, Hollister; the San Juan Bautista Library, 801 2nd Street, San Juan Bautista. The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report will also be available at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist5/environmental/envdocs/d5/>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the San Benito 156 Improvement Project? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. Please submit your comments in writing no later than April 20, 2011 to Caltrans Environmental Planning, 2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, Attn: G. William "Trais" Norris III, Senior Environmental Planner or e-mail trais_norris@dot.ca.gov. The comment period will be between March 21, 2011 and April 20, 2011.

CONTACT

For more information please contact Richard Rosales, Project Manager, at (805) 549-3792 or by e-mail at richard_rosales@dot.ca.gov, or G. William "Trais" Norris III, Senior Environmental Planner at (559) 243-8178 or e-mail trais_norris@dot.ca.gov. If you cannot attend the meeting but have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the environmental document, please submit your comments in writing to Caltrans Environmental Planning, 2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726, Attn: G. William "Trais" Norris III, Senior Environmental Planner.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (e.g. American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternative formats etc.) are required to contact the District 5 Public Affairs office at (805) 549-3318 at least 3 days before the Public Hearing. Telecommunication Devices for the deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.