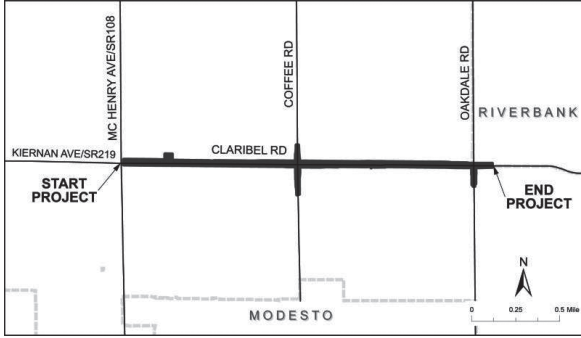


Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation. Study Results Available

Announcement of Public Hearing for the Claribel Road Widening Project.



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The Stanislaus County Department of Public Works and CALTRANS (California Department of Transportation) are proposing to widen Claribel Road from Oakdale Road to McHenry Avenue to improve safety and operational conditions. The Proposed Build Alternative considers a 4-lane Claribel Road corridor with bike lanes and intersection improvements at the Claribel Road/Coffee Road and Claribel Road/Oakdale Road intersections.

The proposed work may have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The County and CALTRANS are evaluating alternatives to determine if the project can avoid adversely affecting the property(ies) or, if not, if adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

WHY THIS AD: Stanislaus County Department of Public Works and CALTRANS have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation and of its availability for you to read.

A hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the project with County staff before the final design is selected. The tentative schedule for the purchase of land for right of way and construction will be discussed, and County staff will explain the Department's relocation assistance for residents moved by the project.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE: The Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation and other project information is available for review and copying at the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works (1716 Morgan Road, Modesto CA 95358, (209)-525-4130) weekdays from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation is also available at the Modesto branch of the Stanislaus County Library (1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354) and the Riverbank branch of the Stanislaus County Library (3442 Santa Fe Street Riverbank, CA 95367). Electronic files are also available at <http://www.stancounty.com/publicworks/claribel-widening-main.shtm> and <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/>.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Do you have any comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study/ Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than May 14, 2012 to Aja Verburg, Associate Civil Engineer, Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto CA 95358, or email them to verburga@stancounty.com. The date we will begin accepting comments is April 13, 2012. If there are no major comments, the County and CALTRANS will proceed with the project's approval and design.

WHEN AND WHERE: The hearing will be May 22, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the County-City Chambers, located in the basement of 1010 Tenth St., Modesto, CA 95354. All meetings are broadcast live on local cable channels and on the County website for information see www.stancounty.com.

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works (209) 525-4130 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

CONTACT: For more information about this project, contact Aja Verburg, Associate Civil Engineer, Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto CA 95358, (209)-525-4130.