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# RE: Revised Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Public Scoping Meeting for the State Route 25 Corridor Improvement Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in association with the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), proposes improvements along State Route 25 (SR 25) within San Benito County and Santa Clara County, between the cities of Hollister and Gilroy. Potential improvements are being studied for feasibility including: realignment, lane additions, a new interchange, modified access control, new frontage roads, and transit improvements.

#### **Background and Update**

In 2016, the State Route 25 Route Adoption Report was prepared to identify and preserve the location of a transportation corridor on State Route 25 between Hollister and U.S. 101 with the fewest environmental effects on resources. The adopted alignment from the Route Adoption Report was previously considered as the alignment for any alternative that proposes to move State Route 25 travel lanes, but Caltrans will now evaluate potential options for utilizing the existing alignment.

Caltrans circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) on November 8, 2024. Since that time, the range of alternatives has been revised to include a conventional highway alternative and an expressway alternative along the existing State Route 25 alignment for segment 1 (San Felipe Road to Hudner Lane). Therefore, Caltrans is recirculating the NOP and will be hosting an additional Scoping Meeting. All comments previously submitted to Caltrans during the 2024 NOP review period (November 8, 2024 to December 31, 2024) have been retained by Caltrans. If you submitted comments previously, they have been retained and do not need to be resubmitted. If you would like to submit a new or additional comment, you may provide written comments at the meeting, or by mail, or email (see instructions on next page).

Environmental impacts anticipated from build alternatives deemed feasible will be evaluated in the environmental document in accordance with CEQA and NEPA.

#### **Notice of Preparation**

Caltrans will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project. As required by CEQA, Caltrans has distributed a Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) and is requesting comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the public regarding the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and reasonable mitigation measures

that will be discussed in the Environmental Impact Report. A copy of the Revised NOP document can be found on the Project Portal:

https://engage.dot.ca.gov/05-48541

#### **Comments**

Your input regarding the scope of the EIR, environmental factors potentially affected, and project alternatives must be submitted to Caltrans no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 19, 2025.

Written comments can be mailed or emailed to:

Caltrans, District 5
Attention: Dianna Beck, Environmental
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Dianna.Beck@dot.ca.gov

Or submitted on the project portal page: https://engage.dot.ca.gov/05-48541

#### **Public Scoping Meeting:**

A supplemental public scoping meeting is scheduled during the supplemental public scoping period, which began with the release of this Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP). The supplemental public scoping meeting is meant to seek further input from the community and define issues that need to be examined in the draft environmental impact report. No decision(s) will be made on the project itself.

#### **Meeting Details**

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Paine's Restaurant Banquet Room, 421 East Street, Hollister

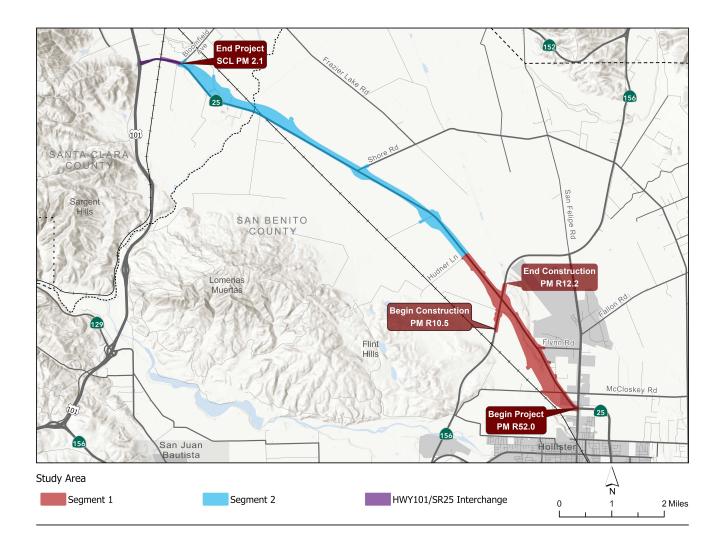
\*Spanish translation will be available as requested at the meeting.

For additional information please visit the Caltrans District 5 Project Portal:

https://enaage.dot.ca.gov/05-48541

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dianna Beck at (805) 459-9406 or by e-mail to: <u>Dianna.Beck@dot.ca.gov</u>

For all other state highway matters, please contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at <a href="mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov">info-d5@dot.ca.gov</a> or by phone at 805-549-3138.



### SR 25 Public Engagement

Got thoughts about Highway 25? We are listening. **Join us to share your perspective.** 

Spanish translation will be available.



5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Paine's Restaurant Banquet Room 421 East St., Hollister, CA 95023







Caltrans SR 25 Project Page:



## Participación pública de la SR 25

¿Tiene comentarios sobre la Carretera 25? Lo escuchamos. **Participe y comparta su perspectiva.** 

Habrá traducción en español disponible.



Miércoles, 19 de noviembre de 2025 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

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