



# PUBLIC NOTICE

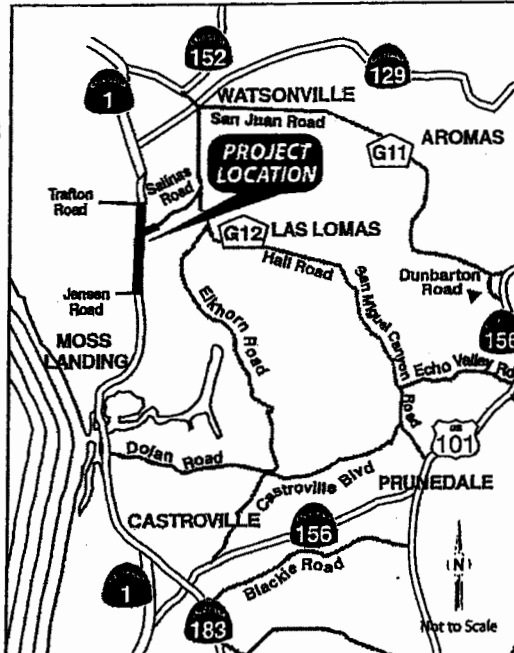


## Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt A Mitigated Negative Declaration/Announcement of Public Hearing Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange

### WHERE AND WHEN?

**Date:** Thursday, July 28, 2005  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Ohlone School Auditorium  
 21 Bay Farms Road,  
 Watsonville, CA 95076

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) are proposing to improve the safety and function of the existing at-grade "T" intersection of Salinas Road and Highway 1 by building an interchange and providing frontage roads. Additional operational improvements are proposed to the highway between Jensen and Trafton Roads. Three alternative interchange configurations are under consideration. Completion of the project may require acquisition of land that is currently under private ownership. The project is located in northern Monterey County, about half a mile south of the Santa Cruz County line.



Caltrans has studied the project and concluded that it would not significantly affect the environment. These studies and conclusions are discussed in the "Salinas Road Interchange Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment", which is currently available for review and comment until August 12, 2005. The public hearing is being held to give you an opportunity to learn about the project, discuss it with Caltrans and TAMC staff and other interested parties and to make comments before the final design is selected. At the public hearing, Caltrans staff will be available to discuss alternative designs, environmental studies, project costs, schedules, and the process Caltrans uses to purchase private land. The public hearing will be open-house style. It will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., with a brief presentation and question/answer period scheduled for 6:30 p.m. You are invited to attend anytime between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Starting July 14, 2005, the "Salinas Road Interchange Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment" will be available at the Caltrans district office at 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. The document will also be available for review at the:

- Watsonville County Library, 310 Union St., Watsonville, CA.
- Seaside Branch, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside, CA
- Castroville Library, 11266 Merritt St., Castroville, CA
- and it is available online at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/salinas\\_rd/salinas\\_ded.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/salinas_rd/salinas_ded.pdf)

We welcome your comments. If the project is of interest to you, please review the "Salinas Road Interchange Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment". If you want further information, attend the public hearing. If you have concerns you would like to share with us, please provide written comments to Caltrans no later than August 12, 2005 Attn: Wendy Waldron, 50 Higuera St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. You can also submit comments via email to: [wendy\\_waldron@dot.ca.gov](mailto:wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov). Comments can also be submitted at the public hearing to a court reporter or in written form.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the "Salinas Road Interchange Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment," please contact Wendy Waldron, Project Environmental Planner at (805) 549-3118 or email [wendy\\_waldron@dot.ca.gov](mailto:wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov). For other State Highway projects, please contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318.

### SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (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 5 days prior to the scheduled open house date. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.