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**Notice of Availability of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with Proposed
Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) Evaluation with an Opportunity for a
Public Hearing for the
State Route 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement Project**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Amador County Transportation Commission, proposes to make improvements to the segment of State Route 88 from post mile 21.6 near Climax Road to post mile 24.6 near Tabeaud Road in the town of Pine Grove in Amador County, California. The project improvements include intersection and lane reconfiguration, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and roadway-related improvements along State Route 88. Construction of the project will be phased. This letter is to inform you that the proposed project's Draft Environmental Document is available for public review between October 23, 2015 and November 23, 2015 at the following locations:

- Caltrans District 10 office at 1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Stockton, CA 95205
- Amador County Transportation Commission at 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, CA 95685
- Amador County Public Library (Pine Grove Branch) at 19889 Highway 88 (located in Town Hall), Pine Grove, CA 95665
- Online: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10/environmental/projects/sr88pine_grove/

Public comments will be accepted until **November 23, 2015**. Please send comments to Caltrans Environmental Planning, attention Kirsten Helton, Senior Environmental Planner, 855 "M" Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721, or email them to kirsten.helton@dot.ca.gov.

If you have any questions or would like to request a Public Hearing be held, please contact Kirsten Helton at (559) 445-6461 or Sinarath Pheng, Project Manager, at (209) 948-7829.

Sincerely,

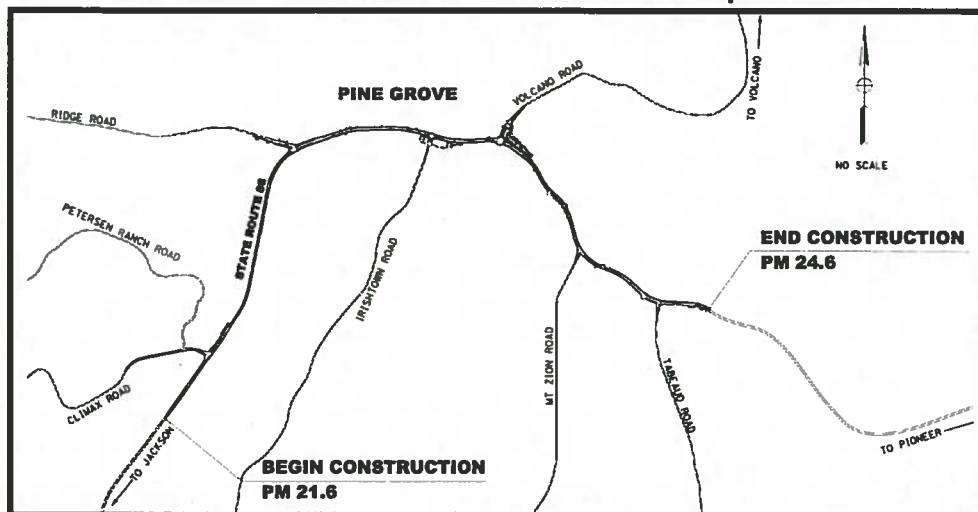
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For DENNIS T. AGAR
District 10 Director



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, Availability of the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation, and the Opportunity for a Public Hearing for the State Route 88 Pine Grove Corridor Improvement



WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Amador County Transportation Commission, proposes to make improvements to the segment of State Route 88 (SR-88) from post mile 21.6 near Climax Road to post mile 24.6 near Tabeaud Road in the town of Pine Grove in Amador County, California. The project improvements include intersection and lane reconfiguration, pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and roadway-related improvements along SR-88. The project will include widening shoulders, adding sidewalks in some areas, and improvements to driveways. The project would improve existing and future SR-88 operations, alleviate existing congestion in the project area, and provide a transportation facility consistent with Caltrans Roadway Design Standards and local, regional, and statewide plans.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment and determined that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. Our findings are contained in the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and Section 4(f) Evaluation. This notice is to inform you of the preparation and availability of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with Section 4(f) Evaluation and to offer the opportunity for a Public Hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 10 Office (1976 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Stockton, CA 95205) on weekdays between 8:00 AM–5:00 PM. The Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment will also be available for review at the following locations:

- Amador County Transportation Commission at 117 Valley View Way, Sutter Creek, CA 95685
- Amador County Public Library (Pine Grove Branch) at 19889 Highway 88 (located in Town Hall), Pine Grove, CA 95665
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WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have comments about processing the project with a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study/Environmental Assessment? Do you disagree with the findings of our studies as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like to request a public hearing? Please submit your comments in writing no later than November 23, 2015 to Ms. Kirsten Helton, Caltrans, 855 M Street, Suite 200, Fresno, CA 93721. The date we will begin accepting comments is October 23, 2015. If there are no major comments, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information, please contact Sinarath Pheng, Project Manager, at (209) 948-7829, or Kirsten Helton, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 445-6461 or Kirsten.Helton@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require documents in alternative formats or require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternative formats, etc) are requested to contact the District 10 Public Affairs Office at 209-948-7977 or district10publicaffairs@dot.ca.gov. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.