

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of a NEPA Environmental Assessment for the U.S. 50/PONDEROSA ROAD/SOUTH SHINGLE SPRINGS ROAD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Department), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the County of El Dorado (County) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the U.S. 50/Ponderosa Road/South Shingle Springs Road Interchange Improvements Project. The Project proposes to modify the existing U.S. 50/Ponderosa Road/South Shingle Road interchange and adjacent frontage roads.

Modifications would include increasing the capacity of the overcrossing from three to five lanes; widening the westbound on-ramps; providing acceleration/deceleration lanes at all ramps; adding turn pockets on the local roads at ramp intersections; and adding square ramp junctions and islands to provide safety and ADA compliance for pedestrians and bicycles. The project extends westerly along the mainline for approximately 450 feet and easterly 600 feet. To the north, widening would extend 450 feet just north of the Ponderosa Road and North Shingle Road junction; and in a southern direction 600 feet to the South Shingle Road and Sunset Lane junction. The project footprint encompasses approximately 165 acres and would involve partial and full right of way acquisitions. The project has been designed to reduce travel delays through the project area associated with traffic congestion, improve multimodal access and mobility, and accommodate the needs of future local and regional traffic.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The Department, in cooperation with the County, has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. The "Environmental Assessment" (EA) describes why the Project is being proposed, the alternative considered for the Project, how the existing environment could be affected by the Project, the potential impacts of each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures. This Public Notice is to inform you that these documents are available for you to review and comment.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of 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. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Copies of the Environmental Assessment will be available for review starting on Friday, January 16, 2026 at the following location:

- El Dorado County Department of Transportation, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667

An electronic copy can be viewed at <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Land-Use/County-Projects/Road-Transportation-Projects/U.S.-50Ponderosa-Rd.So.-Shingle-Rd.-Interchange-Improvement> and <https://cedanet.lci.ca.gov/2018012042>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about the Project? Any comments on the findings of the studies as set forth in the EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project? Please submit your written comments no later than February 16, 2026 to North Region Environmental – M5 Unit, Caltrans District 3, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901 or email them to 03_2E550_Project_Inbox@dot.ca.gov

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