



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Public Meeting and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colton Crossing Rail-to-Rail Grade Separation Project

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and in coordination with San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), City of Colton, BNSF Railway, and Union Pacific Railroad, propose to separate at grade rail-to-rail tracks operated by BNSF (north/south tracks) and Union Pacific (east/ west tracks) at Colton Crossing just south of Interstate 10 in the City of Colton. The purpose of the project is to improve rail efficiency through the Colton Crossing by elevating the Union Pacific tracks over the BNSF tracks.



WHY THIS NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. This notice is to tell you of the availability for you to review and provide comments on the intent to adopt an Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/Proposed MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

This notice also serves as notification that public meetings regarding the proposed project will be held on March 16, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Luque Center, 292 E. "O" Street, Colton, California and on March 17, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hutton Center, 660 Colton Avenue, Colton, California. At the meeting, you will be given the opportunity to talk to the Colton Crossing project team regarding the proposed improvements.

WHEN IS THE PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD?

The IS/Proposed MND is available for public review and comment commencing March 1, 2011. The purpose of the public review and comment period is to afford interested parties the opportunity to provide their input on this project. Comments will be accepted on the document until 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2011. Comments may be submitted in person at the public meeting, via e-mail at marie.petry@dot.ca.gov or mailed to the following address: California Department of Transportation District 8, Marie J. Petry, Office Chief, Environmental Studies/Support B, 464 W Fourth Street, San Bernardino, California 92401. FHWA will be circulating a separate Environmental Assessment for public review in late February 2011. The meetings described will be the only meetings during the public review of the project.

CAN'T ATTEND?

The IS/Proposed MND and other project information are available for review at the Caltrans District 8 Office, 464 W. Fourth Street, San Bernardino, during normal business hours. The IS/Proposed MND are also available for review during normal business hours at:

- San Bernardino Associated Governments, 1170 W. Third St., 2nd Floor, San Bernardino
- Colton Public Library, 656 N. Ninth St., Colton
- Colton City Hall, 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton

Additionally, the IS/Proposed MND will be available online at:

- www.sanbag.ca.gov
- www.coltoncrossing.com

CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (866) 383-4631. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 711 and ask to be connected to (866) 383-4631 at least three days prior to the public meeting.