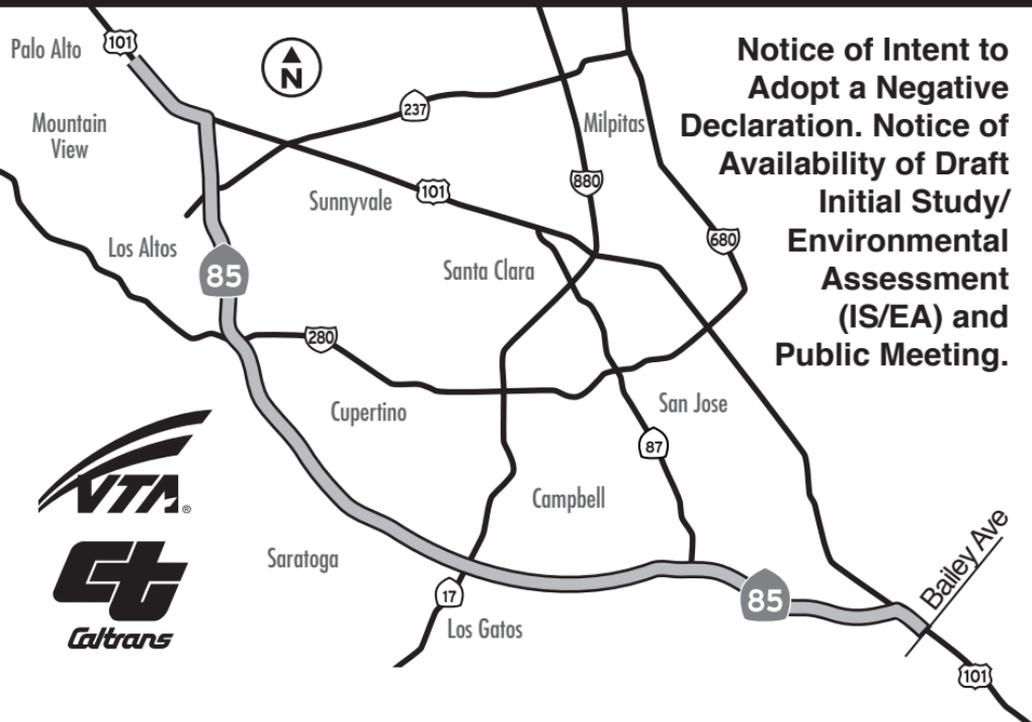


SR 85 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration. Notice of Availability of Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) and Public Meeting.

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), is proposing to convert the existing High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on State Route (SR) 85 to express lanes. The express lanes would allow HOVs to continue to use the lanes without cost and eligible singular occupant vehicles to pay a toll.

WHY THIS AD: Caltrans and VTA have studied the effects this project may have on the environment. The studies show that it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment; the report that explains why is called a Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment with proposed Negative Declaration (IS/EA). This notice is to inform you of its availability for review, the comment period, and the upcoming public open house meetings.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE: The Draft IS/EA is available for public review online at: www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm and at the following locations during regular business hours:

Caltrans District 4, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612

VTA, 3331 N. First Street, Building B Lobby, San Jose, CA 95134

Various libraries – call Roy Molseed at (408) 321-5784 for locations or see website above.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 6-8 p.m.
Calabazas Branch Library
1230 S. Blaney Avenue, San Jose
Served by VTA Bus Line 26 (est. 10 minute walk)

Thursday, January 16, 6-8 p.m.
Cambrian Branch Library
1780 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose

Individuals who require language translation, American Sign Language, or other assistance are requested to contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575/(408) 321-2330 TTY at least five (5) business days before the public information meeting. All meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.

WHERE YOU COME IN: Do you have comments or concerns regarding the environmental analysis of the project? Do you have information that should be included?

Written comments on the environmental document may be submitted no later than January 31, 2014 via email to 85expresslanes@urs.com or via regular mail to: Ngoc Bui, Office of Environmental Analysis, P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B, Oakland, CA 94623

CONTACT: For more information about the Draft IS/EA, call Ngoc Bui, Caltrans, at (510) 286-4736 or Roy Molseed, VTA, at (408) 321-5789.