



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review of actions by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans, that are final. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, on State Route 99 from post miles 25.2 to post mile 30.6 in Tulare County, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before [Insert date 150 days after publication in the Federal Register]. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Caltrans: Javier Almaguer, Senior Environmental Scientist, 2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100, Fresno, California 93726, (559) 287-9320, javier.almaguer@dot.ca.gov, Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) assigned, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that the Caltrans, have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(I)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway

project in the State of California: Caltrans proposes to widen State Route 99 in the City of Tulare from just south of the Avenue 200 Overcrossing to the Prosperity Avenue Overcrossing (post miles 25.2 to 30.6). One lane would be built in each direction in the freeway median to create a six-lane freeway. The existing interchange at Paige Avenue would be reconstructed to a tight diamond layout and two roundabouts would be constructed on Paige Avenue at Blackstone Street and Laspina Street. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Environmental Assessment/ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on December 29, 2023, and in other documents in the project records. The FEA, FONSI, and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above. The Caltrans FEA and FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project web site at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-48950>, or viewed at the Tulare Public Library.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
2. *Air*: Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671
3. *Wildlife*: Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-666(C)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 760c-760g].
4. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) et seq.].
5. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. 1344].
6. *Hazardous Waste*: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act [42 U.S.C. 103]; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.].

7. *Social and Economic*: NEPA implementation [23 U.S.C. 109(h)]; Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)].
8. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice and Low-Income Populations; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1)

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