

State Route 710 North Study

CEQA AND NEPA PROCESS

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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) are laws that require government agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate any adverse effects.

What will be studied?

When projects require approvals under both CEQA and NEPA, a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) is prepared. An EIR/EIS explores the proposed project's environmental impacts on a broad range of topics, including traffic, community effects, air quality, public health, noise, visual disruption, soil, water pollution, cultural resources and biological resources.

Where are we now?

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Statement for the State Route 710 North Study was released for public review and comment in March 2015, which will identify potential environmental impacts and ways to address them.


We want your comments.

During the public review period, you will be able to submit comments on the Draft EIR/EIS in person at the public hearings, by U.S. mail or online at the Caltrans website. To ensure your comments are effective and constructive, you can also provide support with evidence such as data, references, or other facts. Your comments on the Draft EIR/EIS could include:


- > What is needed to ensure the Draft EIR/EIS adequately identifies significant environmental impacts
- > Suggested methods to avoid and/or mitigate impacts
- > Suggestions on additional impacts, alternatives, and/or mitigation measures

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CEQA PROCESS

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- > IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

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- > STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS
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INITIATE PROJECT

INFORM

SCOPING

LISTEN

ALTERNATIVES

DISCUSS

PUBLIC INPUT ON ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

EVALUATE

SELECT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

RESPOND & DECIDE

FINALIZE REVIEW

NEPA PROCESS

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AGENCY DECISION