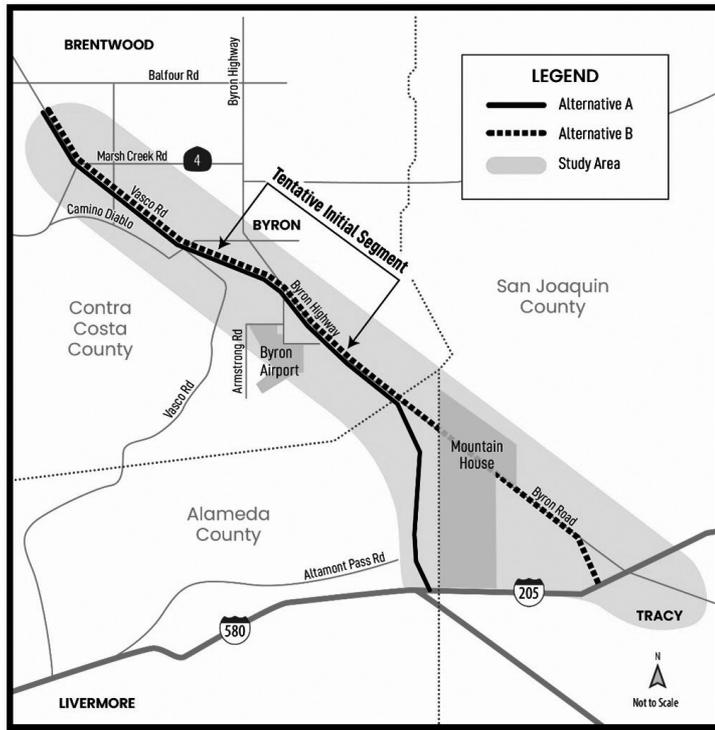




PUBLIC NOTICE

Release of a Notice of Intent for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the State Route 239 Project



WHAT'S AVAILABLE: The Notice of Intent (NOI) and other project information are available for viewing and download from the State Route 239 Project webpage: <https://www.SR239project.net/>.

WHERE YOU COME IN: During this scoping period, Caltrans and CCTA are seeking public and agency input into the scope of the project's environmental review and range of issues and alternatives to consider in preparation of the EIS. The NOI and other scoping materials will be available at the State Route 239 Project webpage for the entire 62-day duration of the scoping period. Caltrans and CCTA will also hold an online public scoping meeting on **Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM**. The link to join the online public scoping meeting will be made available on the State Route 239 Project webpage on the day of the meeting. The meeting will begin with a presentation providing an overview of the State Route 239 Project and the environmental process, followed by an opportunity for attendees to submit questions and comments.

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is issuing a **Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the State Route 239 Project**. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is the project sponsor. Previously, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in December 2021. A joint Draft EIR/EIS is anticipated to be circulated for public review and comment in 2023.

The State Route 239 Project proposes to provide a new, four-lane highway from State Route 4 near Marsh Creek Road in Contra Costa County to Interstate 580 in Alameda County or to Interstate 205 in San Joaquin County. This new route would improve the transportation network for an area that has few north-south roadway connections between eastern Contra Costa County and the western San Joaquin Valley. The project would provide relief from increasing commute traffic through the town of Byron, enhance mobility in eastern Contra Costa County, and improve access to the Byron Airport.

Caltrans and CCTA are evaluating the overall State Route 239 corridor at both a Tier I (program) level and a Tier II (project) level. The Tier I programmatic-level study will evaluate and analyze alternatives that cover the entire SR 239 corridor through a broad and general assessment. Caltrans and CCTA are also evaluating an initial phase of the State 239 Project at a Tier II project-level which will allow for project approval, design, and construction of the initial phase.

Two alternatives for Tier I have been identified for further study in the EIS, in addition to a No Build Alternative: (1) Alternative A would consist of a four-lane highway with an alignment generally east of the Byron Airport. South of the airport and west of Mountain House, the alignment would turn southward and then connect to the I-580/I-205 interchange; and (2) Alternative B would consist of a four-lane highway with an alignment east of the Byron Airport. South of the airport, it would be parallel to and west of Byron Highway, before joining Byron Road and connecting to I-205 west of Tracy. Caltrans and CCTA are also considering the inclusion of multimodal alternatives and project elements, such as accommodating transit and active transportation improvements within the corridor. Caltrans and CCTA welcome your comments and input on the alternatives being considered for this project. All comments will be used to inform the development of project alternatives, including new alternatives that have not yet been considered.

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS – Comments and suggestions on the environmental scope of the project and project alternatives are invited from all interested parties for a period of 62 days from **November 18, 2022** through **January 18, 2023**.

Submit comments utilizing any of the following:

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• PROJECT WEBSITE (link to online public meeting): <https://www.SR239project.net/>

All comments must be received by the end of day on January 18, 2023. All comments will be shared with the project development team and all substantive comments on the scope of the EIS will be considered during preparation of the environmental evaluation.

For language translation or accessibility needs, use the following contact information:
Para las necesidades de accesibilidad o traducción de idiomas, utilice la siguiente información de contacto:

如需其他語言譯本或解決無障礙需求, 請利用以下方式聯絡工作人員:

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