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The Honorable Matt LeVere County of Ventura 800 S. Victoria Ave. Ventura, CA 93003

Dear Mr. LeVere,

Notice of Initiation of Studies for SR-33 Pavement Preservation Project

This notice is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is formally initiating studies for a pavement preservation project on State Route 33 (SR-33) between 0.6 mile south of Parkview Drive to 0.1 mile north of Foothill Trail at Post Miles (PM) 6.3 to 13.49, in Ventura County. The purpose of this project is to preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement, improve multi-modal mobility, ride quality, and safety by providing a better access for bicyclists, pedestrian, and transit users.

The project includes three alternatives:

Build Alternative A1

The Build Alternative A1 scope of work includes upgrading the existing asphalt pavement, curb ramps, traffic signals, crosswalks, as well as upgrading the Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) at (PM 6.30/13.49). The project also proposes constructing new sidewalks, installing American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Infrastructure, bus pads with shelters, and pedestrian crossings.

Build Alternative A2

The Build Alternative A2 includes the scope of work in Alternative A1 in addition, to reconfiguring travel lanes from Santa Ana Blvd to Larmier Ave (between PM 8.0 & PM 9.1). The travel lanes will be reconfigured from 5 lanes to 3 lanes, with 1 through lane in each direction divided by two-way left turn lane, 8 feet parking and bike lanes at both sides of the road. This alternative will also provide a raised median, landscaping, and curb extensions throughout project limit where feasible.

No Build Alternative B

The No-Build Alternative would not have changes made to the existing facility. No action would be taken to improve the existing road condition and the road quality would continue to deteriorate.

A demonstration project will be implemented in late spring or early summer of 2023 in Ventura County on SR-33 (from Creek Road to La Cross Street) within the Oak View community from PM 8.0 to PM 9.1. The proposed project will restripe the existing travel lanes into 1 through lane in each direction of SR-33 between PM 8.0 to PM-9.1. The purpose of the project is to temporarily test the proposed concept of the new lane configuration as part of a larger project. The demonstration project can be modified as needed until the set goals are achieved. The follow-up study will determine impact on traffic, other roadway users, and surrounding businesses. The demonstration project is expected to last for a period of six months.

Based on the current scope, it is anticipated that an Initial Study will be prepared to evaluate the anticipated environmental impacts pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and an Environmental Assessment will be prepared to evaluate the anticipated environmental effects pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

A public scoping meeting to provide information and gather public input about the proposed project will be held at the following location:

LOCATION

March 16, 2023, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Oak View Park & Resource Center
555 Mahoney Avenue
Oak View, CA 93022

If you cannot attend in person, please join at: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87464703946 to the Webinar. If connecting from a computer the user does not need the ID, but if connecting by phone ID is: Webinar ID: 874 6470 3946 ID

Additional information can be found at the project website by accessing the QR code below or at (https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/sr33-pavement-preservation-project). Please submit your comments and questions to GoOakview@dot.ca.gov. Thank you for your interest in this important study.

Sincerely,

Gloria Roberts (Feb 22, 2023 09:21 PST)

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District Director (Acting)

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