



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

APPLEGATE ROAD INTERCHANGE / STATE ROUTE 99 UPGRADE PROJECT

JANUARY 21, 2010

Where will the meeting be held and at what time?

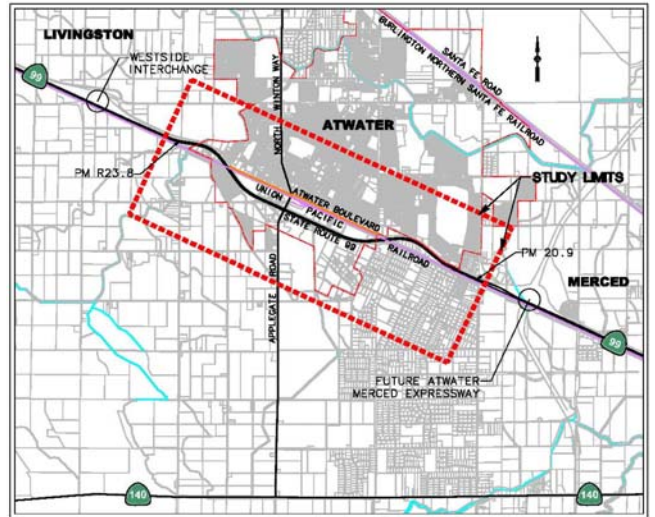
Atwater Community Center (Jesse Frago Room)
760 E. Bellevue Road
Atwater, California
5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (Brief Presentation at 6:00 p.m.)

What Is Being Planned For This Project?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), proposes to widen State Route 99 (SR-99) from four-lanes to six-lanes between the SR-99 Atwater Freeway Project and the future SR-99 Atwater-Merced Expressway Interchange (I/C) Project; and reconstruct the Applegate Road I/C at SR-99.

Why Is This Project Needed?

The purpose of this project is to construct a six-lane freeway to improve safety, relieve current and future traffic congestion from the anticipated growth in the City of Atwater and in Merced County. This project will also support the movement of goods and people along SR-99 to access the SR-99 Corridor.



Why This Public Notice?

Caltrans and MCAG are in the process of preparing a Project Study Report (PSR) for this project. The Public Information Meeting will be the first of several opportunities to provide information to the community about the project, and for the community to provide comments or concerns regarding the current alternatives or any other alternatives that may be brought up at the Public Information Meeting.

What Is Available?

MCAG has conducted traffic analyses, preliminary engineering, and preliminary environmental review of the project area. Project alternatives have been developed for further consideration. Preliminary Conceptual Plans and other study information will be available for viewing. Project Engineers and other Caltrans, City, County and MCAG staff will be available to answer your questions. The Public Information Meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Where Do You Come In?

If you wish to comment on the project, please submit them in writing to Mr. Jesse Brown, Executive Director, **Merced County Association of Governments**, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 or by e-mail to Jesse.Brown@mcagov.org. If you cannot attend this Public Information Meeting, but would like information regarding this project. Please visit MCAG's website at www.mcagov.org/applegate.html.

For individuals who require special accommodations, please contact Mr. Jesse Brown at the address listed above at least five days prior to the meeting date. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922 or 711.