



City of
Los Banos
Public Works Department

June 23, 2015

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE REGARDING SR 152 (PACHECO BLVD)
OPERATIONAL STUDY**

Due to the delay in the construction of the State Route (SR) 152 bypass because of funding shortfalls, the California Department of Transportation has developed a draft Operational Study of SR 152 (Pacheco Boulevard) in Los Banos. The goal of this study is to address operational treatments for SR 152 (Pacheco Boulevard) through Los Banos to achieve the following:

- a) Increase safety
- b) Improve the operation performance
- c) Increase mobility and convenience
- d) Help economic growth and productivity

The operational improvements along SR 152 recommended by this study include:

- a) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) including signal timing optimization
- b) Access control and raised medians
- c) Reduction of crosswalks
- d) Traffic signal upgrades
- e) ADA curb ramps

City of Los Banos Staff will be holding a public meeting to present and discuss this draft study. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Los Banos Community Center, 645 7th Street.

For your review, sheets 16, 17, and 18 of the draft study outlining the proposed SR 152 (Pacheco Boulevard) improvements have been attached with this letter.

If you should have any questions in regards to the study or the meeting, please contact Mark Fachin, City of Los Banos Public Works Director/City Engineer, at (209) 827-7056 or mark.fachin@losbanos.org.

Attachment:

Sheets 16, 17 and 18 of Draft Study

Proposed Improvements

Roadway Design Elements

District 10 Office of Traffic Operations explored various proposals along SR 152, within the City, which will help improve traffic operations of intersections along this route. A range of alternatives have been listed based on location and range from little or no improvement to intersection reconstruction. Most of the proposals will help improve traffic flow by reducing the number of vehicle conflicts at intersections and driveways and maximizing signal timing throughout the segment. These include optimizing and coordinating traffic signal timing, modifying pavement striping, closing/restricting certain driveways that are redundant, unnecessary, or significantly affect traffic operations, constructing raised medians, and intersection widening to accommodate u-turns.

The locations and potential improvements are listed below:

1. **Between Badger Flat Road (PM 18.882) and Ortigalita Road (PM 19.268)**
 - Modify the existing pavement marking in the eastbound direction to convert the eastbound trap lane to a right turn lane
2. **Between Ortigalita Road (PM 19.268) and West I Street (PM 19.618)**
 - Raised median to begin 500' east of S. Ortigalita Road (PM 19.364) and end at West I Street.

- On the south side (shopping center with 3 existing driveways), close westerly driveway, convert middle driveway to right in/out, and exclude left out on easterly driveway (left in only).
3. **West I Street (PM 19.618)**
 - Widen NW and SE corners to accommodate U-turns
 - NE corner, close westerly driveway
 4. **West I Street (PM 19.618) to Maryland Avenue (PM19.781) north side T**
 - Raised median with back-to-back left turns
 5. **Maryland Avenue (PM19.781) north side T**
 - Widen NW corner to accommodate U-Turns
 6. **Illinois Avenue (PM 19.970) north side T to Arizona Avenue (PM20.028) north side T**
 - Raised median with back-to-back left turns
 7. **Arizona Avenue (PM20.028) north side T**
 - Widen NW corner to accommodate U-turns
 8. **Arizona Avenue (PM20.028) north side T to Nevada Street (PM20.090) 4 legged**
 - Raised median with back-to-back left turns
 9. **Nevada Street (PM 20.090)**
 - Widen NW corner to accommodate U-turns

10. 4th Street (PM 20.289)

- Widen SE corner to accommodate U-turns

11. 4th Street (PM 20.289) to 6th Street (PM 20.420)

- Raised median with back-to-back left turns

12. 6th Street (PM 20.420)

- Widen NW corner to accommodate U-turns

13. 9th Street (PM20.749) north side T

- Cul-de-sac, traffic to use J Street

14. Driveway approximately 200 feet east of SR-165/152 (PM 21.385) to Miller Lane (PM21.610)

- Construct raised median, left turn into shopping center on NE corner to remain

15. Miller Lane (PM21.610) north side T

- Widen NW corner to accommodate U-turns

16. Driveway approximately 400 feet west of Ward Road (PM 22.174) to Ward Road (PM 22.252)

- Convert painted raised island to raised median, left turn into shopping center on the north, to remain, and left turn into Rancho Drive to remain.

17. Ward Rd (PM 22.252)

- Allow WB U-turns, currently they are prohibited

Map 3. Proposed Operational Improvements (Median and Turn Lanes)

