



**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)**

Pursuant to USDOT Order 5610.1C, Paragraph 5.b

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Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) previously issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the VEN-1 Rock Slope Protection Project. Alternative 1 - Cantilever Option was identified as the preferred alternative and subsequently selected because it would best meet the purpose and need of the project and have the least environmental impacts. However, additional engineering study identified additional work, excavation, and traffic closures required to construct that alternative. A reinvestigation of Alternative 2 - Ground Anchor Option showed that with a modification to construction method, much less excavation would be required, and as a result, the Alternative 2 as modified would lead to much fewer environmental impacts and a lower construction cost than previously discussed. Therefore, Alternative 2 is now identified as the preferred alternative for the project.

This is to advise you that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made for this project by the California Department of Transportation as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 USC 327. The FONSI with the NEPA and CEQA Environmental Re-Validation Form, which discusses details of the updated Alternative 2 and corresponding changes in environmental impacts as well as avoidance and minimization measures, can be viewed and downloaded at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-programs/d7-environmental-docs>.