



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH #2017101048

Project Title: Rio Mesa Boulevard Project
Project Location: Unincorporated Madera County (see attached figure)
Lead Agency: Madera County
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Announcement

The Madera County Planning Department, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) hereby announces that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Rio Mesa Boulevard project is now available for public review and comment. The Draft EIR comment period is from February 13, 2021 to March 30, 2021. Hard copies of the Draft EIR are available for viewing at the following locations:

Madera County Planning Department 200 West 4th Street, Suite 3100 Madera, California 93637	Madera County Library Headquarters 121 North G Street Madera California 93637
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The document is available electronically upon request to the Madera County Planning Department by contacting Jamie Bax by email at jamie.bax@maderacounty.com or by phone at (559) 675-7821.

Public Review and Comment

Comments must be submitted to the County by no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 30, 2021. Following the Draft EIR comment period, the County will prepare a Final EIR. The Final EIR will include copies of Draft EIR comments and will provide responses to comments on the Draft EIR addressing environmental issues. When submitting comments, please provide your name and your address, telephone number, and email address. Comment letters can be mailed in hard copy or can be submitted by email, either in the body of an email or as an attachment (PDF format is preferred for email attachments). Please send your comments on the Draft EIR to:

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Project Description

The proposed project is in unincorporated Madera County east of State Route 41 north of Avenue 12, as shown on the attached map. The proposed project would construct a 2.3-mile segment of new road providing a connection between Avenue 12 in the south to a planned segment of Rio Mesa Boulevard within the Tesoro Viejo community to the north. The proposed roadway would include two





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northbound and two southbound asphalt concrete lanes with six-foot-wide asphalt concrete bike lanes, curbs and gutters, landscaping, and separated sidewalks. The project would also install storm drainage facilities, water and wastewater conveyance infrastructure, and conduit and pipeline for dry utilities (electric, telephone, cable, fiber, natural gas) within the Rio Mesa Boulevard alignment and linked utility corridors. The project would be constructed in phases, with the initial phase developing a two-lane Rio Mesa Boulevard and a future phase that would widen Rio Mesa Boulevard to four lanes.

Potentially Significant Impacts

The Draft EIR identifies the following environmental issue areas as having potentially significant environmental impacts from implementation of the proposed project: air quality, biological resources, and cultural resources. For each potentially significant impact, the Draft EIR identifies mitigation measures that would avoid or reduce all impacts to less than significant.

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