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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of El Dorado is issuing for a 45-Day Public Review for the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the MT. MURPHY ROAD BRIDGE (No. 25C-0004) OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE AMERICAN RIVER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (SCH # 2015012056)

LOCATION: The Project is on Mt. Murphy Road in unincorporated El Dorado County in the community of Coloma just north of State Route 49. The existing Mt. Murphy Road Bridge is located on County right-of-way (ROW). The Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park (MGDSHP) abuts the County ROW.

DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is a post tensioned cast in place box girder bridge built in two stages. The total replacement bridge length is 445 ft and is composed of two 130 ft end spans and one 185 ft main span. The proposed new bridge and lane configuration will provide two 11-foot lanes, two 2-foot shoulders, an 8-foot sidewalk, and Caltrans Type 85 barriers. The proposed sidewalk would be on the upstream side of the bridge and tie into Mt. Murphy Road on either side of the new bridge. A cable-stay system or portals would be installed at the piers. The structure width necessary to accommodate the roadway, sidewalk, and barriers is approximately 38 feet. A more detailed description is provided in Chapter 2 of the Draft EIR.

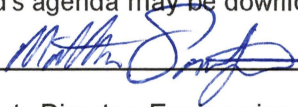
BACKGROUND: The 1915 metal truss Mt. Murphy Road Bridge with concrete approach spans has a low Caltrans sufficiency rating of 20.6 (out of possible 100) in a 2018 inspection report and is posted for reduced load capacity that was further reduced in 2021 following repairs after a motor vehicle crash. The Coloma Historic District was designated a National Historic Landmark (NHL) in 1961. The bridge is individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and a contributing element of the Coloma NHL.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) requesting comments on the scope of the EIR was circulated from January 21, 2015 to February 20, 2015. Comments received were considered during preparation of, and are included in, the Draft EIR.

REVIEW: The review period for the Draft EIR begins on **January 10, 2022** and ends **February 25, 2022**. **A public meeting will be held virtually on January 26, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to present the Draft EIR, answer questions and accept comments on the Draft EIR.** To observe and join the live stream of the meeting, please go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81630039462>. The meeting ID is 816 3003 9462. You may also call into (530) 621-7603 or (530) 621-7610 to participate via phone. The Draft EIR is available at the Placerville Library: 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA, and on the website at: <http://www.edcgov.us/Government/DOT/CEQA.aspx>. Comments addressing the Draft EIR are due no later than February 25, 2022. Please submit comments to:

El Dorado County Department of Transportation
Attention: Mt. Murphy Bridge EIR
2850 Fairlane Court
Placerville, California 95667

Comments may also be submitted electronically to mtmurphybridge@edcgov.us. The Board of Supervisors is anticipated to consider certifying the Final EIR in March/April 2022 at a hearing that will be noticed to the public. The Board's agenda may be downloaded at <http://www.edcgov.us> prior to the meeting.

Signed: 
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Date: 1/7/2022