

## Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report Yankee Jims Bridge Replacement Project

### What is being planned?

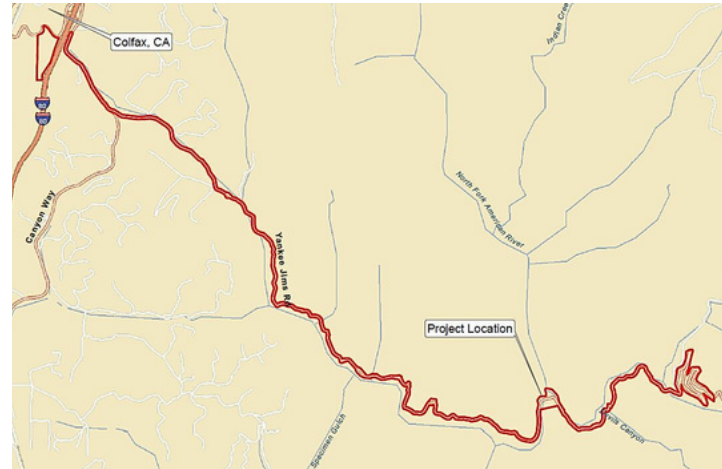
The Placer County Department of Public Works, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans, proposes to build a new arch suspension bridge adjacent to the existing Yankee Jims Bridge over the North Fork American River. The Project is needed to improve access related to evacuation routes and emergency vehicles. The purpose of the Project is to improve the roadway approach geometry at each end of the bridge and improve pedestrian access over the North Fork of the American River and the adjacent recreational facilities by replacing the existing bridge with a new two-lane bridge. The main project features include a new arch suspension bridge 10-15 feet downstream of the existing bridge, minor intermittent roadway improvements on Yankee Jims Roads west of the existing bridge, an unpaved parking lot and stairway access down to the river northeast of the existing bridge, and retaining walls along the approach roadway. Additionally, the existing Yankee Jims Road Bridge would be strengthened to facilitate construction. The existing bridge would then remain in place as a historic structure. Under the No Build Alternative, a new replacement bridge adjacent to the existing, structurally deficient bridge would not be constructed, and access for emergency vehicles would continue to be limited. Construction is anticipated to take 2-3 years and may commence as early as Fall 2024.

### Why this Public Notice?

Placer County has studied the effects this project may have on the environment, including biological resources, cultural resources, recreation, aesthetics, public services, wildfire, and more. A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared to outline how the proposed project could cause a potentially significant impact on the environment and what measures are included to avoid, minimize, and/or mitigate for these impacts. This notice is to advise you that the preparation of this document has been completed and is available for you to review and comment.

### What is available?

The Draft Environmental Impact Report has been prepared and is available for public review beginning **November 9, 2023, through January 10, 2024**. During the public review period, copies of the document will be available at the Placer County Department of Public Works located at 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 220, Auburn, CA 95603 and online at <https://www.yankeejimsbridge.com>.



A Notice of Preparation meeting was held in February 2020 and a public meeting was held on October 10, 2023, at the Placer County Planning Commission Room located at 3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA 95603 to inform the public and key stakeholders of the proposed project features and next steps in the project schedule. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services at no cost to comment and review the document. To request these services contact Kevin Ordway at (530) 745-3576 or [kordway@placer.ca.gov](mailto:kordway@placer.ca.gov). This document is available in alternate formats upon request.

### Where do you come in?

Please read the Draft Environmental Impact Report and learn how this project may affect you and the environment. If you have any questions or comments, **please submit your comments electronically or physically by 5:00pm on January 10, 2024, to Kevin Ordway** at the Placer County Department of Public Works located at 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 220, Auburn, CA 95603 or via email at [kordway@placer.ca.gov](mailto:kordway@placer.ca.gov). After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the County may 1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, 2) do additional environmental studies, or 3) abandon the project.

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