Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability for Public Review

TO: ☒ Interested Individuals
☒ San Benito County Clerk

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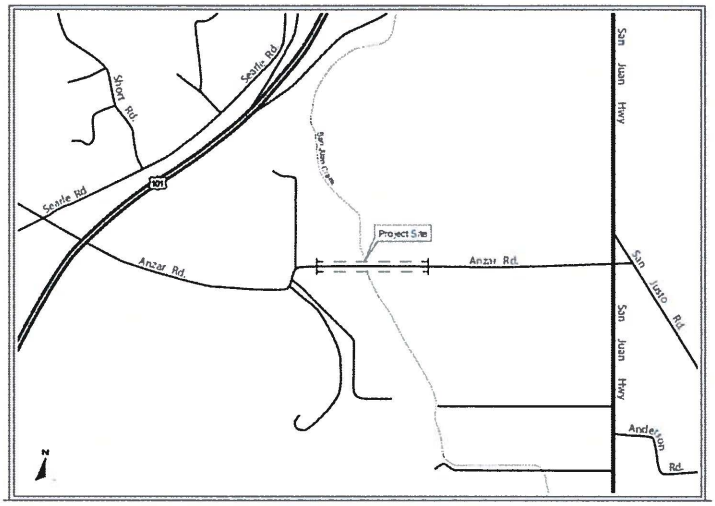
Project File No.: Bridge Number 43C-0039
Project Applicant: County of San Benito, Resource Management Agency, Public Works Division
Project Location: Anzar Road at San Juan Creek



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Initial Study for the **ANZAR ROAD AT SAN JUAN CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT** is available for public review and that the County as **LEAD AGENCY** intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project, which finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The public review period in which comments will be accepted for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins **October 16, 2020**, and ends at 5 p.m. on **November 16, 2020**. The project's Initial Study, its proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and the documents referenced in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the County Resource Management Agency at the above address and at County Website http://www.cosb.us/. Comments may be addressed to the contact person noted above, and written comments are preferred. Please reference the project file number in all communications.

Project Description

The Public Works Division of the Resource Management Agency of the County of San Benito (the "County"), in cooperation with Caltrans, proposes to replace the existing Anzar Road Bridge over San Juan Creek. The project site is located on Anzar Road between U.S. Highway 101 and San Juan Highway, approximately 2.4 miles northwest of the City of San Juan Bautista in unincorporated San Benito County.

The existing bridge is an approximately 22 feet wide and 40 feet long, two-span, reinforced concrete slab structure with reinforced concrete wall piers and abutments that was built in 1935. The existing bridge does not meet current design or seismic safety standards and is considered functionally obsolete.

The replacement bridge would be located along the same alignment as the existing bridge. The existing bridge would be removed and a new bridge would be constructed in its place. The new bridge would consist of a single cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab, supported on concrete abutment walls at each end. The new bridge would be 32 feet in width to accommodate two 12-feet wide lanes and two 4-feet wide shoulders. The new bridge would be approximately 56 feet in length and would have a road profile approximately 2 feet higher than that of the existing bridge.

On an approximately 390 feet segment of Anzar Road leading to each end of the bridge, the existing roadway surface and road base would be removed and replaced with new materials. The site would be excavated to a

depth of approximately 15 feet for the bridge abutments, approximately six feet for relocation of an existing irrigation line, and three feet elsewhere within the roadway limits of work.

Due to scour and sediment deposition issues surrounding the abutments of the current bridge, the San Juan Creek channel would be recontoured at the bridge site to stabilize the channel. In addition, a scour hole near the western abutment and a sediment deposit supporting successional riparian scrub vegetation would both be removed. Additionally, the existing channel would be widened slightly so that there would be a small net increase (approximately 0.2 acres) in aquatic habitat under and adjacent to the bridge.

The project would require relocation of some existing utilities and irrigation lines to accommodate the replacement bridge. There is an 8-inch water main that is mounted to the north face of the bridge. This line would be temporality relocated during construction and re-attached to the new north face of the bridge. There are also two irrigation pipelines to the north of the bridge. The first line is an abandoned 10-inch pipe that would be removed during construction. The second line to the north of the abandoned line is an active 6-inch pipe that would be protected in place during construction. The south side of the bridge has two AT&T lines, which are expected to be attached to the new bridge.

The construction phase of the project would require the temporary closure of Anzar Road between San Juan Highway on the east and McAlpine Lake and Park on the west. The proposed 2-mile vehicular detour is described as follows, beginning at the Anzar Road/San Juan Highway intersection:

- North on San Juan Highway to Highway 129/Chittenden Road;
- West on Highway 129/Chittenden Road to Searle Road;
- Southwest on Searle Road to Anzar Road;
- East on Anzar Road.

The proposed project is being funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Program and the San Benito County Public Works Division.

The proposed project is expected to be completed in one stage and total construction time would be approximately six months or less. Construction activities would generally occur from Monday through Friday between the hours 7:00 am and 7:00 pm.

The project would require minor easements from the adjacent parcels for utilities and roadway slopes. Temporary construction easements are also anticipated. No structures would be impacted.

Signature	Senior Engineer	10/16/2020
Signature	Title	Date