



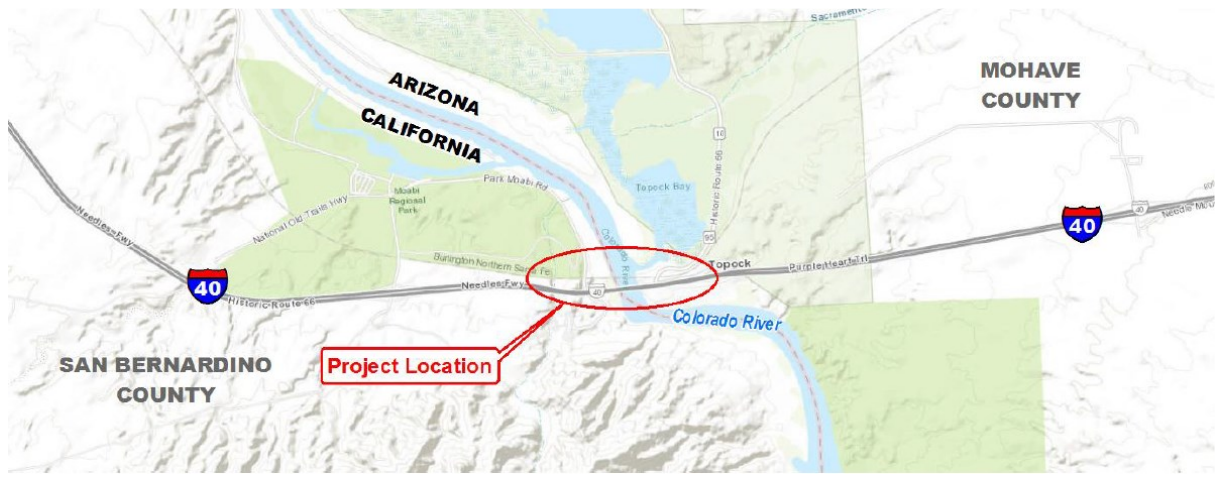
PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA)

Available for the

I-40 Colorado River Bridge Replacement Project

Announcement of Virtual Public Hearing



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) proposes to replace the Colorado River Bridge (California Bridge No. 54-0415, Arizona Bridge No. 957) spanning the California/Arizona state line on I-40 near Topock, Arizona. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and integrity of the structure by addressing deck deterioration and strengthening the girders to increase the load rating. The safety of the traveling public will also be enhanced because standard lane and shoulder widths are proposed as well as an upgrade to the bridge rail system. There are three build alternatives in addition to the No-Build Alternative being evaluated. Alternative 1 (Existing Alignment) would construct a new bridge on the existing alignment, Alternative 2 (Northern Alignment) proposes to replace the bridge with an alignment to the north of the existing bridge, Alternative 3 (Southern Alignment) proposes to replace the bridge with an alignment to the south of the existing bridge, and Alternative 4 (No-Build Alternative).

The proposed work will encroach upon wetlands. The project is being evaluated to determine if there are any practical alternatives to avoid this encroachment or, if not, to ensure that all practical measures are taken to minimize harm to the wetlands.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it would significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an EIR/EA. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft EIR/EA and of its availability for you to read. A virtual public hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to comment and provide relevant input before an alternative is selected.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

Maps for the EIR/EA and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 8 Office (464 W 4th Street, San Bernardino, 92401) on weekdays from 8am to 4pm. Please call the number below and provide a minimum 24-hour notice prior to visiting the District office to view available documents.

WHERE YOU COME IN

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. If you wish to make a comment on the Draft EIR/EA, you may submit your written comments beginning June 14 until August 11th, 2023 to California Department of Transportation, District 8, ATTN: Gabrielle Duff, Branch Chief, Environmental Studies 'B', 464 West 4th Street, MS-829, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;

Or via email to D8.0R380.ColoradoRiverBridge.Comments@dot.ca.gov

WHEN AND WHERE

A virtual public hearing will be held live on the Zoom platform, **June 29, 2023 from 6 to 7 p.m.** To participate in the hearing using a computer, please visit the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/I-40CRBRPPubMtg> Enter Meeting ID: **844 1844 0766**

To participate in the hearing using a landline telephone:
Dial: **(213) 338-8477**

Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Gabrielle Duff at (909) 383-6933 at least 7 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1(800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at 1(800) 735-2922.

CONTACT

For more information about this project or any transportation matter, please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-1910.

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