



# PUBLIC NOTICE

Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/

Available for the

## I-40 Colorado River Bridge Replacement Project



<p><b>WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?</b></p>	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>WHY THIS NOTICE?</b></p>	<p>Caltrans has decided to recirculate a part of the draft EIR (Sections 2.1.12.2, 2.1.12.3, 2.1.12.4, 2.3, 3.25, 3.2.18, 3.2.21, and Chapter 4). This decision was made after on-going Section 106/AB52 consultation resulted in additional identification, evaluation, and significance determinations for Cultural Resources and Tribal Cultural Resources.</p>
<p><b>WHAT'S AVAILABLE?</b></p>	<p>Maps for the partially recirculated EIR and other project information are available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 8 Office (464 W 4<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>
<p><b>WHERE YOU COME IN</b></p>	<p>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 Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, you may submit your written comments beginning 8/18/23 until 10/2/23 to California Department of Transportation, District 8, ATTN: Gabrielle Duff, Branch Chief, Environmental Studies 'B', 464 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-829, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400;</p> <p>Or via email to <a href="mailto:D8.0R380.ColoradoRiverBridge.Comments@dot.ca.gov">D8.0R380.ColoradoRiverBridge.Comments@dot.ca.gov</a></p> <p>Pursuant to procedures set forth in Section 15088.5(f)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines, reviewers are directed to limit their comments to the revised information contained in this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. Reviewers should not resubmit comments on the Draft EIR. Comments on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR will be responded to in the Final EIR, along with comments previously received on the Draft EIR.</p>
<p><b>CONTACT</b></p>	<p>For more information about this project or any transportation matter, please contact the Caltrans District 8 Office of Public Affairs at (909) 383-1910 EA 08-0R380</p>