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Good evening,

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) Humboldt Area recently received a request to review and respond to the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project. At the project location, the roadway improvements are within the city limits of Arcata. Due to the project location proximity to the CHP Humboldt Area, there will be a minor impact to the access of certain parts of the unincorporated Humboldt County within CHP jurisdiction. However, there are several alternate routes to these parts of the county which results in minimal impact to CHP operations. The CHP's primary concern pertains to potential traffic congestion on Old Arcata Road in the immediate area of the project affecting the communities of Sunny Brae and Bayside. It is anticipated Arcata City Roads will utilize one-way traffic control measures to mitigate traffic concerns during this project which should cause only minimal traffic delays. The CHP Humboldt Area recommends the hours of operation for this project occur overnight and during off-commute hours to best reduce any possible traffic surge through the City of Arcata.

Please advise if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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**M e m o r a n d u m**

Date: September 8, 2021

To: Humboldt Area

From: **DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**  
Special Projects Section

File No.: 063.A10212.A14585.Noc.Doc

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE  
SCH# 2021010176

Special Projects Section (SPS) recently received the referenced "Notice of Completion" environmental impact document from the State Clearinghouse (SCH).

Please use the attached checklist to assess its potential impact to local Area operations and public safety. If it is determined that departmental input is advisable, your written comments referencing the above SCH number must be sent to the lead agency and emailed to [state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov). Your written comments must be received by SCH no later than **September 13, 2021**. For reference, additional information can be found in General Order 41.2, Environmental Impact Documents.

For project tracking purposes, SPS must be notified of the assessment of the project (including negative reports). Please email a copy of the response to [EIR@chp.ca.gov](mailto:EIR@chp.ca.gov). For questions or concerns, please contact Mary H. Uhazi at (916) 843-3370.

*L. N. Narvaez, For*

L. NARVAEZ, SSM III  
Commander

Attachments: Checklist  
Project File

cc: Northern Division



# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**SCH # 2021010176**

**Project Title:** Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements

Lead Agency: City of Arcata Contact Person: David Loya  
 Mailing Address: 736 F Street Phone: (707) 822-5955  
 City: Arcata Zip: 95521 County: Humboldt

**Project Location:** County: Humboldt City/Nearest Community: Arcata  
 Cross Streets: n/a-project is a roadway Zip Code: 95501

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): -124 ° 3 ' 36 " N / 40 ° 50 ' 34.8 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: n/a Section: 4 Twp.: T5N Range: R1E Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 255 Waterways: North Jacoby Creek, Beith Creek

Airports: n/a Railways: n/a Schools: Jacoby Creek School

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mit Neg Dec Other: \_\_\_\_\_  FONSI \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Roadway Rehabilitation & Bike/Ped Improvements  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

n/a -public roadway

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project would improve motorized and non-motorized transportation and user safety in Bayside, California. The proposed project includes road resurfacing, a paved walkway, sidewalks and curb ramps, crosswalks, speed humps, lighting, signage, a retaining wall, and stormwater drainage and infrastructure improvements. Particular constraints within the project alignment may warrant adjustments to the standards to address site-specific issues. See attached page for complete project description.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

## Project Description

The Project would improve motorized and non-motorized transportation and user safety in Bayside, California. The project would link critical activity centers within the community, including schools, neighborhood facilities, and residential areas.

The project would repave Old Arcata Road, including bike lanes on both sides of the roadway alignment, and improve and extend an existing shared use walkway along the west side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 600 feet south of the Buttermilk Road Roundabout and extending south to approximately 300 feet beyond the Jacoby Creek Road intersection. The total project length is approximately one mile.

The project includes intersection and pedestrian safety improvements along Old Arcata Road, including sidewalk and walkway improvements, curb ramps, curbs and gutters, speed humps, and enhanced crosswalks. New pavement would extend into residential and commercial driveways along Old Arcata Road to ensure smooth transition between existing and new pavement elevations. Construction of a new sidewalk along approximately 375 feet of Hyland Street is also included in the project.

The project includes improvements to the underground storm drain infrastructure that extends along the length of planned improvements in discrete locations. Improvements include new and upgraded storm drain catch basins, storm drain piping, and storm drain junction boxes. The project may include the replacement of sanitary sewer laterals and the installation of cleanouts. The project may also include the replacement of water service connections and resetting/installation of water meters within City/Public right of way.

A new roundabout would be constructed near the southern terminus of the project at the intersection of Jacoby Creek Road. Crosswalks, signage, lighting, and paved walkways would be integrated into the roundabout. A new retaining wall would extend along the west side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 100 feet just north of the proposed Jacoby Creek Roundabout. Modifications and repaving of the roadway that serves the Bayside Post Office may also be required.

The project would terminate approximately 300 feet south of the proposed Jacoby Creek Roundabout along Old Arcata Road. The Jacoby Creek Road pavement improvements would terminate approximately 400 feet east of the proposed roundabout.

The project also includes approximately 1,600 sq-feet of onsite wetland creation within the roadside right-of-way (areas adjacent to the proposed project).

The Project is being designed in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 7th Edition (2018). In addition, the Project would be designed in accordance to other specific applicable standards, including the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD 2020); the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design; the 2019 California Building Code and portions of the Caltrans Highway Design Manual, 7th Edition (2020).

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".


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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of             | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency         | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 1                        |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |  |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date August 9, 2021 Ending Date September 27, 2021

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: <u>GHD, Inc.</u>	Applicant: _____
Address: <u>718 3rd Street</u>	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: <u>Eureka, CA 95501</u>	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: <u>Andrea Hilton</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>707 267 2279</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 8/3/21

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.