



## **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Hearing to Provide Comments on the Draft EIR**

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH#2021010176) for the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from August 9, 2021 through September 27, 2021 at 5 P.M. More information is provided below.

**Project Location:** West side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 600 feet south of the Buttermilk Road Roundabout and extending south to approximately 300 feet south and west of the Jacoby Creek Road intersection. A portion of the affected roadway east of the Bayside cutoff is outside of City limits and lies within Humboldt County jurisdiction. Roadway has no assigned APN or address.

**Project Description:** The City of Arcata (City) proposes to complete improvements to an existing roadway in Bayside, California. The project would repave Old Arcata Road, enhance bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway alignment, 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. Sidewalks and cross walks throughout the project corridor would also be improved, including a new sidewalk on Hyland Street. The project includes a new roundabout at the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. The total project length is approximately one mile. The proposed project addresses public safety needs, including improving motorized and non-motorized transportation and user safety.

**Application Type:** Coastal Development Permit. Encroachment Permits from the County of Humboldt will also be required for this project.

**Significant Impacts:** The Draft EIR identifies significant impacts to the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation. As described in the DEIR, all of these impacts can be fully mitigated to a less-than-significant impact.

**Document Availability:** The Draft EIR and other project materials are now available for review and download on the City of Arcata website at [www.cityofarcata.org](http://www.cityofarcata.org) under Major Development Projects and on the project webpage at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/720/Old-Arcata-Road-Design-Project>. Printed copies of the documents are available for public review at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California
- Arcata Public Library, 500 7th Street, Arcata, California

**Public Review Period for the Draft EIR:** The review period set by the Arcata Community Development Department for review of the Draft EIR is 45 days.

Starting Date: August 9, 2021

Ending Date: September 27, 2021

**Draft EIR Public Hearing:** A public hearing is scheduled for the Arcata Planning Commission meeting on October 12, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input and comments from public agencies and the general public on the Draft EIR for the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation Project. This hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521. Due to the evolving nature of public health and safety guidance associated with COVID-19, the meeting may be held completely virtually or with a hybrid of in-person and virtual options. Please check the City's website or the agenda prior to the meeting to ensure you have access to participate.

There will be no transcription of oral comments at this public hearing or any subsequent hearings. Comments received will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit their comments in writing.

If you have any questions regarding this notice please contact Community Development Director David Loya at [kroberts@cityofarcata.org](mailto:kroberts@cityofarcata.org) with cc to [dloya@cityofarcata.org](mailto:dloya@cityofarcata.org).

Meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Request for accommodation should be made in advance by contacting the City Clerk at 707-822-5953.