



## **Notice of Availability of a Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report**

The Partially Recirculated 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 December 13, 2021 through January 27, 2022 at 5 P.M. More information is provided below. Revisions to the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR are specific to wetland impacts and special status plants only. In accordance with Section 15088.5(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City requests that comments be limited to only the modifications presented in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The City will only respond to comments provided in writing, related to the parts of the Draft EIR that were recirculated specific to impacts to wetlands and special status plants.

**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 east 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 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. The City will only respond to comments provided in writing, related to the parts of the Draft EIR that were recirculated specific to impacts to wetlands and special status plants.

**Document Availability:** The Partially Recirculated 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 (9 A.M. to 5 P.M.)
- Arcata Public Library, 500 7th Street, Arcata, California (12 P.M. to 4 P.M. Tuesday – Saturday)

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

Starting Date: December 13, 2021

Ending Date: January 27, 2022

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or wish to submit written comment on the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, please contact Community Development Director David Loya at [comdev@cityofarcata.org](mailto:comdev@cityofarcata.org) with cc to [dloya@cityofarcata.org](mailto:dloya@cityofarcata.org) or mail to Old Arcata Road Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, ATTN: David Loya, Community Development Director, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.