



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Who:** County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works
- What:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared and issued for the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works (County) South Bay Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (project). The project is located at South Bay Boulevard at Los Osos Creek, just north of the community of Los Osos, in the Estero Planning Area and in the Coastal Zone. The purpose of the project is to replace the existing bridge with a modern concrete bridge that meets current design standards to maintain safe, reliable service for the public. The existing bridge was constructed in 1966, and is a three-span, concrete bridge supported by two concrete pile piers. The new bridge and road approaches would be relocated to the east side of the existing bridge. This would allow the existing bridge to remain in service during construction of the new bridge. When the new bridge is opened for use, the existing bridge would be demolished.
- The proposed replacement bridge would be a two-span bridge, 300 feet long and 50 feet wide with a single support pier located outside of the Los Osos Creek channel (above the high tide line). A pedestrian lane with a concrete barrier separating it from the vehicle travel lane is proposed to be included.
- Construction staging would be in the County right-of-way along South Bay Boulevard north and south of the bridge. A secondary staging and material storage area would be available at the east end of Santa Ysabel Avenue off South Bay Boulevard south of the bridge (east of Scenic Way).
- Construction is expected to take approximately 30 months to complete, with in-water construction activities limited to the dry season (June 1 to October 31). Generally, construction of the new bridge is expected to occur in year 1 and demolition of the old bridge in year 2.
- Where:** Copies of the proposed MND and all the associated documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The MND is also accessible on the Public Works website at slocounty.ca.gov/PW/South-Bay-Boulevard-Bridge-MND.
- Comments:** The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on July 7, 2021, and ends on August 6, 2021. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to: Monica Stillman, Environmental Specialist, mjstillman@co.slo.ca.us, County Government Center, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- Public Hearing:** The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for late August or early September 2021. Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm> to locate the date of the public hearing for this project.