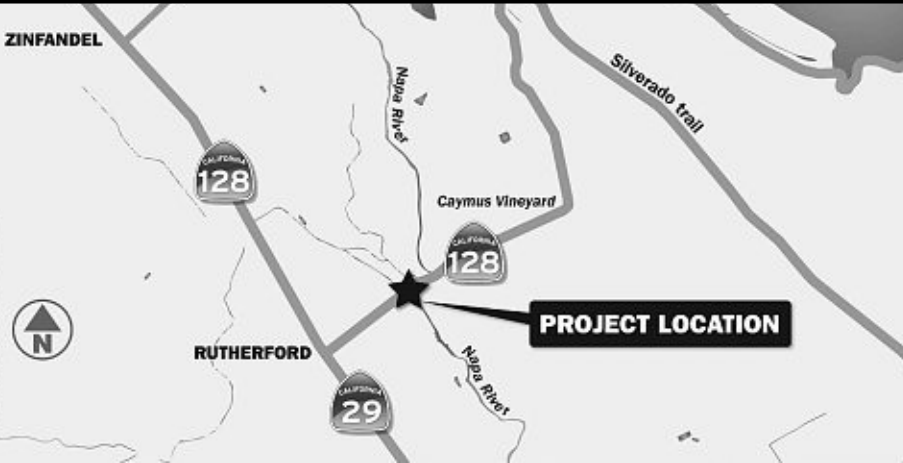


NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE HOPPER SLOUGH BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is issuing a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) to solicit public and agency input on the project and the environmental issues addressed in the EIR/EA.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the Hopper Slough Bridge located in the town of Rutherford in Napa County on State Route 128 a half-mile east of State Route 29. Replacement of the bridge would ensure continued operation of the highway for all its users.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the proposed project and has determined that there would be significant impacts to biological and visual resources as a result of the project. The Draft EIR/EA explains why the project would have significant impacts to environmental resources. This public notice is to inform you of the Draft EIR/EA's availability for review during a 45-day public comment period.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Draft EIR/EA and other project information are available to download on the Caltrans environmental document website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>. Additionally, the document will be made available at the following locations:

St. Helena Public Library
1492 Library Lane
St. Helena, CA 94574

Yountville Library
6516 Washington Street
Yountville, CA 94599

WHERE YOU COME IN

We welcome your comments on the Draft EIR/EA during the 45-day public comment period from March 18, 2022, to May 1, 2022. Please send your comments via email to nathan.roberts@dot.ca.gov.

A virtual public meeting will be held on April 5, 2022, starting at 5:30 pm to discuss the project. You are invited to attend the virtual public meeting via Webex.

WebEx information

Meeting ID: 2481 002 9600

Meeting Passcode: WGHkMhWr264

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/Hopper-Slough-Public-Meeting>

Participants will have the opportunity to review watch a brief presentation and speak with project team members.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still provide comments during the 45-day public comment period from March 18, 2022 to May 1, 2022. Written comments concerning the project should be submitted one of the following ways:

- via e-mail to Nathan.Roberts@dot.ca.gov
- by comment card on the project website, which can be navigated to using: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>
- or by mail to the address listed below.

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CONTACT / SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

For more information about the project or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact Nathan Roberts at nathan.roberts@dot.ca.gov or (510) 418-3347. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 4 Public Affairs Office at (510) 286-6445. TDD Users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at (800) 735-2922.