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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

GONZALES RIVER ROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: October 28, 2021

PROJECT TITLE: Gonzales River Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Gonzales River Road Bridge is located approximately 0.2 mile (mi) east of River Road and 2 mi west of U.S. Route 101 (US-101) in an unincorporated portion of Monterey County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Monterey Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks proposes to replace the superstructure of the existing two-lane Gonzales River Road Bridge (Bridge No. 44C0035), over the Salinas River in Monterey County, California with a wider bridge deck that meets current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requirements. The proposed project would address certain existing structural deficiencies (e.g., cracks, exposed reinforcing bars, and failing joints in the superstructure) and improve the conditions for conveying flood flows. Several existing bridge piers would be rebuilt (i.e., raised) or modified for additional support; seven existing bridge piers would be removed. The proposed project would also widen the roadway approaches on the north and south ends of the Gonzales River Road Bridge (bridge) to conform to the new bridge width and profile. After construction, both the bridge and roadway approaches would contain two 12-foot lanes (one in each direction) and two 3-foot shoulders, and would meet current AASHTO minimum design speed standards. The bridge would be closed to public use during construction. Vehicular traffic would be re-routed via Chualar River Road to the north and via Arroyo Seco Road to the south.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 28, 2021 – December 3, 2021

HOW TO REVIEW AND COMMENT: Copies of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and the associated Technical Reports are available for public review at the Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks, 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901. Additionally, the Draft IS/MND and associated Technical Reports are available for viewing or downloading on the County of Monterey website at <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/public-works/current-major-projects>. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received no later than December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. (a 36-day public review period). Please send written comments to:

Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks
Attn: José Gómez, Project Manager II
1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Written comments can also be emailed to gomezj2@co.monterey.ca.us or submitted by facsimile at (831) 755-4958. After the public review period, the Monterey County Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks will prepare a Final IS/MND for consideration and approval by the County of Monterey.

QUESTIONS? If you have any questions regarding this project or the Notice of Availability, please contact José Gómez at the email address noted above or by phone at (831) 755-4816.