

MONTEREY COUNTY

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COUNTY OF MONTEREY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Monterey Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for the Gonzales River Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Project Number 3853, along Gonzales River Road in an unincorporated portion of the County (see description below).

The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at the County of Monterey Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks, 1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review in an electronic format by following the instructions at the following link:

<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-i-z/public-works-facilities-parks/public-works/current-major-projects>.

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.

We welcome your comments during the 36-day public review period. You may submit your comments from October 28, 2021 to December 3, 2021 in hard copy to José Gómez, Project Manager II at the address above. The County also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to: gomezj2@co.monterey.ca.us. To submit your comments by facsimile, please send a complete document including all attachments to: (831) 755-4816.

For reviewing agencies: The County of Monterey Department of Public Works, Facilities & Parks requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also

inform the County if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

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

Re: Gonzales River Road Bridge Rehabilitation Project: File Number 3853

From: Agency Name:
Contact Person:
Phone Number:

- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: _____

