

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Agencies, Individuals, and
Organizations Interested in the SR-27
Slope Stabilization Project

From: California Department of Transportation
District 7 Environmental Planning, MS 16A
100 South Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for SR-27 Slope Stabilization Project (LA-27-PM 1.0-1.13, 07-34260)

This notice is to advise you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the State Route-27 (SR-27) Slope Stabilization Project. A Project Initiation Report (PIR) for the project was approved in June 2018 (not attached).

Caltrans will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified above. Your participation as a Responsible or Trustee Agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

The purpose of this notice is: (1) to serve as the Notice of Preparation to potential Responsible Agencies, agencies involved in funding or approving the project, and Trustee Agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the project, pursuant to Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines; and (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and any related issues, from interested parties other than those noted above, including interested or affected members of the public. Caltrans requests that any potential Responsible or Trustee Agency responding to this notice do so in a manner consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b).

We appreciate the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A more detailed project description, study area map, and a summary of the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

Caltrans will be holding a public scoping meeting/webinar to provide an overview of the project, summary of the environmental process, and receive input regarding the environmental issues and the suggested scope and content of the EIR. This meeting/webinar will include the required agency and public scoping. It will be held online/virtually on January 11th, 2022 via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information is also available at www.sr27topangacanyon.com.

Registration Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N-1P71zwTHKQqQsc8MMtlw
Webinar Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84355170114?pwd=TlRWVEJtM3hpK0t0L3hQbmlhb25oUT09>

Webinar ID: 843 5517 0114

Passcode: 5851

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Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your comments must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than January 31st, 2022.

Please send your comments to Eduardo Aguilar, Senior Environmental Planner, Division of Environmental Planning, via e-mail at eduardo.aguilar@dot.ca.gov. Please supply us with a name for a contact person in your agency.

Date: December 1st, 2021



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Attachments:

- Project Description
- Potential Environmental Impacts
- Location Map

Project Description

This project was initiated due to a geological recommendation memo dated 18 August 2017, which proposed alternatives up-slope of SR-27 at the aforementioned location to address rockfall. This project shall now move forward to develop a broader range of alternatives, including the no-build alternative. The geological recommendation memo of 2017 included two of the below alternatives, which carried over to the 2018 PIR:

- **Alternative 1 - Anchored Cable Mesh:** This alternative proposes to Install Anchored Cable Mesh on the slope at the east side of the highway using bolts or dowels. The intent is to pin the mesh close to the rock surface. Usually, anchored cable nets are used to restrain large rocks up to eight feet in diameter. Draping a portion and/or the entire slope in combination with the above alternative could be a feasible mitigative measure at this location.
- **Alternative 2 - Roadway Re-Alignment/Bridge:** This alternative proposes to re-align the roadway by constructing an at-grade bridge structure, widening the highway, and constructing a soldier pile retaining wall at the edge of the new roadway to create a catchment area between the slope and highway.
- **Alternative 3 – No Build Alternative:** If a permanent solution is not provided, the highway will be affected and public safety will be impacted.

Potential Environmental Impacts

The existing environment and impacts to the existing environment are factors in the decision-making process during the selection of the preferred alternative. Various environmental resources and facilities are known to occur within the limits of the study area. These resources include, but are not limited to: visual aesthetics resources, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, hydrology/water resources, noise receptors, recreation resources, land use/planning resources, and transportation/traffic/utility facilities. Transportation management, construction impact management, and other mitigation measures will be incorporated into the proposed project in the event that a build alternative were to be selected as the preferred alternative.

Project Location

