



CITY OF DEL MAR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the City of Del Mar (City) has completed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Camino Del Mar Bridge Replacement Project (project). The project is listed on the City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with funding via the Federal Highway Bridge Program.

Project Name: Camino Del Mar Bridge Replacement Project

Project Location: The project site includes the existing Bridge No. 57C-0209 along Camino del Mar over the San Dieguito Lagoon and areas immediately surrounding the bridge in the northwestern part of the City. Regional access to the project is provided from Interstate 5, which runs parallel to the bridge about one mile to the east. The bridge serves as an important north-south connection for coastal residents and visitors in the vicinity and the greater San Diego region. The bridge is situated between the State Fairgrounds and the Pacific Ocean near coastal destinations and provides access to local beaches, open space areas, hiking trails, the Del Mar Village, and Torrey Pines State Beach. The Camino del Mar roadway becomes Highway 101 north of Via de la Valle within the City of Solana Beach, about one-quarter mile north of the bridge. The project alignment is situated within Section 11 of Township 14 South, Range 4 West, on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute Del Mar quadrangle.

Project Description: The proposed project involves the replacement of the Camino del Mar bridge to provide for continued vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle movement along Camino del Mar as it crosses the San Dieguito Lagoon, as well as coastal access to Del Mar Beach. The project would maintain critical north-south access in the same location with an improved design for access and public safety, and improved reliability of future access in consideration of projected coastal hazards. The proposed replacement bridge design consists of a five-span cast-in-place prestressed concrete box girder bridge that would be slightly longer, wider, and higher than the existing bridge, along the same horizontal roadway alignment. The number of piers in the lagoon would be reduced from 10 to 4. The additional bridge width of 7.5 feet would accommodate two-way pedestrian and bicycle movement on both sides of the bridge. The roadway approach zones within Camino del Mar would also require modifications to accommodate the raised elevation of the bridge, including reconstructing the sidewalks to meet the proposed pedestrian sidewalks on both sides of the replacement bridge. There would be no overall increase in vehicle capacity as a result of the improvements. The project is estimated to be constructed over 27 months between June 2024 and August 2026 using five construction stages: site preparation, east-side bridge replacement, west-side bridge replacement, closure of the center median, and final improvements.

Findings: Pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and based on information contained in the attached Initial Study Checklist, the City has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures.

Availability of Document: The Draft MND is being made available for a 30-day public review period commencing on May 5, 2022, and ending on June 3, 2022. An electronic version of the Draft MND is available for download and review from the City’s website at: <https://www.delmar.ca.us/notices>. A print copy of the MND and technical appendices will be available for review at City Hall at 1050 Camino del Mar, Del Mar, CA 92014, and at the local Del Mar Branch of the County of San Diego library system. For more information on library hours of operation please visit: https://www.sdcl.org/locations_DM.html.

Comments: The City will accept written comments on the Draft MND until 5:00 p.m. June 3, 2022. Comments should be emailed to Adriana Jaramishian at ajaramishian@delmar.ca.us. Written comments should be labeled “Camino Del Mar MND” and mailed to the City of Del Mar (Attn: Adriana Jaramishian), 1050 Camino del Mar; Del Mar, CA 92014.

Public Hearings Scheduled: There are two options to participate in public meetings considering the MND for this project:

- An informational summary of the project will be presented at the Planning Commission remote regular meeting scheduled on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held via teleconference only. Information about the meeting can be obtained on the City’s website at: <https://www.delmar.ca.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/2972?html=true>.
- An informational summary of the project will be presented at the City Council remote regular meeting scheduled on May 16, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting will be held via teleconference only. Information about the meeting can be obtained on the City’s website at: <https://www.delmar.ca.us/AgendaCenter>.