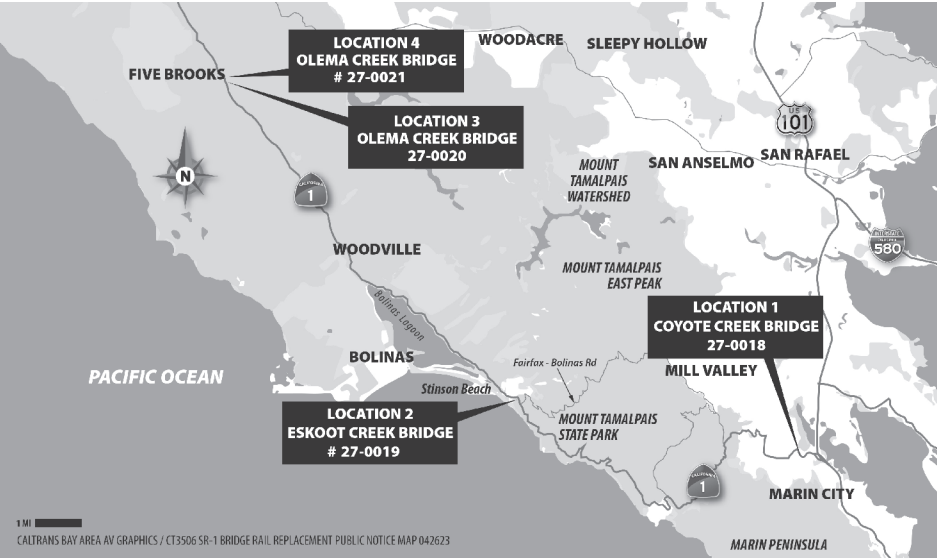


Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration, Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination and Virtual Public Meeting

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the State Route (SR) 1 Bridge Rail Replacement Project (Project) to enhance the reliability of bridge railings along SR 1 for the traveling public. The Project proposes to replace and upgrade the bridge rails at four bridge locations at post miles (PM) 0.42, 12.37, 22.81, and 22.96 on SR 1 in Marin County, California.



WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, has studied the potential effects that the proposed improvements may have on the environment. The results of these studies are summarized in a Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND), also referred to as the Draft Environmental Document (DED), as well as the Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination. The Project is subject to and complies with the requirements of both CEQA and NEPA. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of Caltrans' intent to adopt a Negative Declaration and the availability of the Draft IS/ND, to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment, and to notify the public of a virtual public meeting and an opportunity for a question and answer (Q&A) session. Per CEQA Section 15073, Caltrans will circulate the Draft IS/ND for public review for 30 days from May 22, 2023, to June 20, 2023.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Draft IS/ND describes why Caltrans proposes the Project, how the existing environment could be affected by the Project, potential environmental impacts, and the project features and avoidance and minimization measures.

The Draft IS/ND, maps, Project information, and Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination are available to download at the Caltrans District 4 website (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>). In addition, hardcopies of the Draft IS/ND and Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination will be made available at the following locations in the vicinity of the Project:

- **Point Reyes Library**, 11431 State Route 1, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
- **Marin City Library**, 164 Donahue Street, Sausalito, CA 94965

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Please review the Draft IS/ND, Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination, and attend the virtual public meeting on June 13, 2023 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at this Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/91065465123>, meeting ID 910 6546 5123 to watch a live presentation about the project and the environmental review process, pose questions, and provide comments.

Attending the virtual public meeting is not required to comment on the Draft IS/ND or Draft Evaluation of Section 4(f) Resources and De Minimis Impact Determination.

We would like to hear what you think. Comments will be accepted during the 30-day public comment period from May 22, 2023, to June 20, 2023 via email at: 04_OP960_Project_Inbox@dot.ca.gov, or via postal mail at:

CALTRANS, DISTRICT 4
ATTN: Elizabeth Nagle, *Environmental Scientist*
 P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B
 Oakland, CA 94623-0660

All comments should be received by 5:00 pm on June 20, 2023. Caltrans will consider the comments and will respond to them after the 30-day public review period. After comments have been received from the general public and responsible and trustee agencies, Caltrans may:

1. Grant environmental approval to the Project.
2. Conduct additional environmental studies.
3. Abandon the Project.

If the Project is granted environmental approval and funding is obtained, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the Project.

CONTACT

For individuals who require translation or who have sensory disabilities, the Draft IS/ND can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk by writing to the project team using the physical mailing address or email address (04_OP960_Project_Inbox@dot.ca.gov) provided or by calling the California Relay Service (800) 735-2929.