



# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Caltrans**

## **Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration for the State Route 116 Bridge Railings Replacement Project**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act, is issuing a Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration and a Notice of Availability for the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for public and agency review.

### **WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?**

Caltrans proposes to upgrade and replace approximately 430 feet of existing bridge railings systems to current Caltrans standards at three bridges (Jones Creek Bridge [Post Mile 19.90], Blucher Creek Bridge [Post Mile 29.83], and Gossage Creek Bridge [Post Mile 33.37]) on SR 116 in Sonoma County for the State Route 116 (SR 116) Bridge Railings Replacement Project (Project). In addition to the rail replacement work, the Project would also include removing and replacing one culvert and cleaning out another culvert at Jones Creek Bridge and widening Blucher Creek Bridge by 1.5 feet on either side.

### **WHY THIS AD?**

Caltrans has studied the proposed Project and has determined that there would not be any significant impacts to environmental resources as a result of the Project. The Draft IS/ND explain why the Project would not have significant impacts to environmental resources. This public notice is to inform you that the Draft IS/ND are available for review during the 46-day public comment period.

### **WHAT IS AVAILABLE?**

The Draft IS/ND are available to download at the Caltrans environmental documents website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>. Additionally, the documents will be made available at the following locations:

Forestville Library  
7050 Covey Road  
Forestville, CA 95436

Sebastopol Regional Library  
7140 Bodega Avenue  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Rohnert Park - Cotati Regional Library  
6250 Lynne Condé Way  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

**WHERE YOU COME IN**

We welcome your comments on the Draft IS/ND during the 46-day public comment period from June 30, 2023, to August 14, 2023. A public meeting is not currently scheduled for the Project but is available upon request.

**SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

Written comments concerning the Project, including a request for a public meeting, should be submitted one of the following ways:

Caltrans, District 4  
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or by email to:

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**CONTACT / SPECIAL ACCOMODATION**

For more information about the Project or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the proposed Project, please contact Arnica MacCarthy at [Arnica.MacCarthy@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Arnica.MacCarthy@dot.ca.gov) or (510) 506-0481. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 4 Public Affairs Office at (510) 286-6445. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or Voice Line at (800) 735-2922 (Voice).