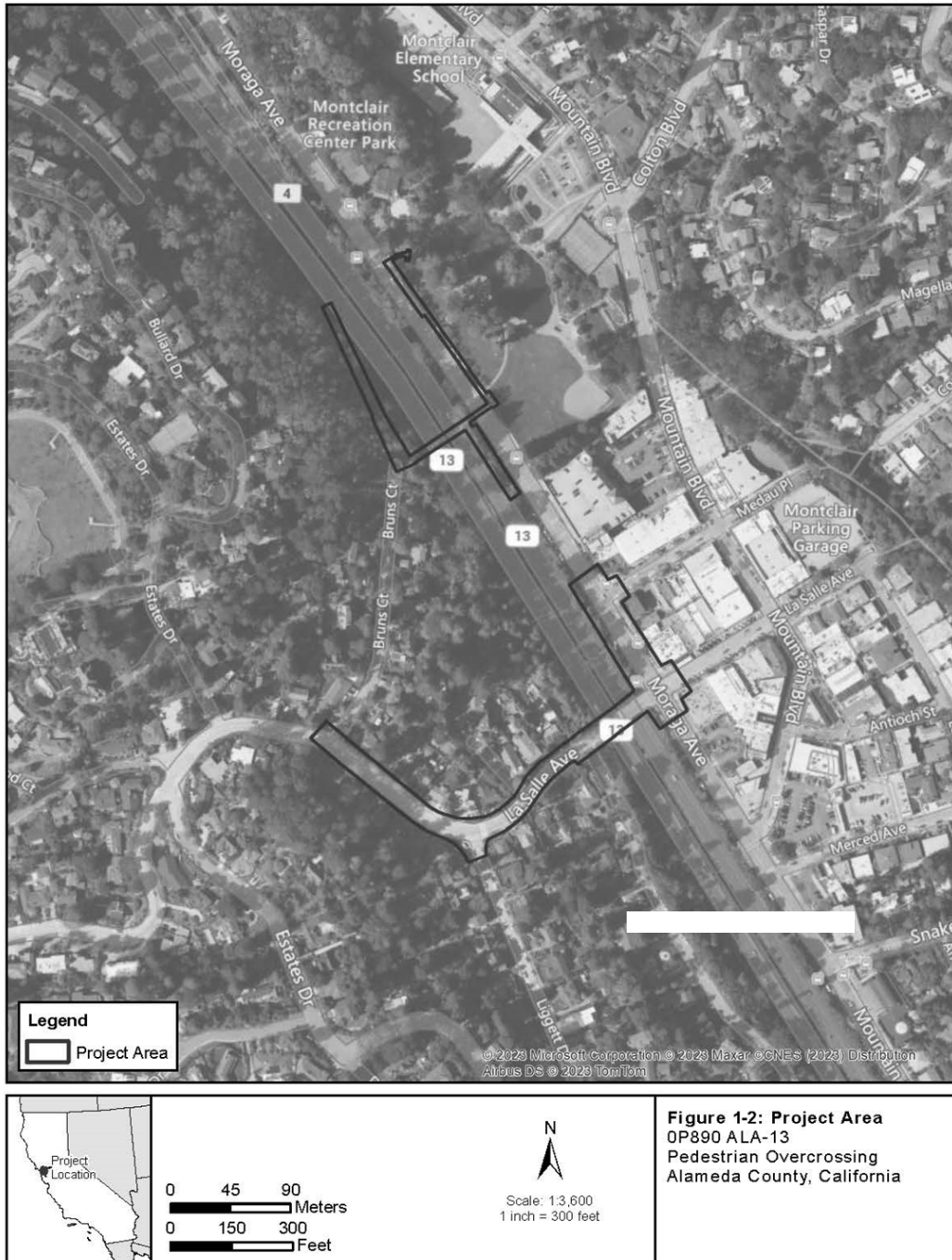




PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)
of an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and Draft Section 4(f) de minimis Evaluation for the Bruns Court Pedestrian Overcrossing Project with Opportunity for Virtual Public Meeting

Pursuant to USDOT Order 5610.1C, Paragraph 5.b



What's Being Planned:

Caltrans proposes the Bruns Court Pedestrian Overcrossing Project (project) to address the seismic deficiency of the Bruns Court Pedestrian Overcrossing (POC) and maintain connectivity for pedestrians between Bruns Court and Montclair Park on Moraga Avenue. The project will demolish the existing steel girder pedestrian overcrossing (POC) at Bruns Court in the Montclair neighborhood in Oakland. The POC will be replaced with one of the following alternatives: a POC with switchback structure between SR-13 and Moraga Avenue; a POC with touchdown along Moraga Avenue; or not replace the existing POC but provide local street improvements in partnership with the City of Oakland.

Caltrans also announces their intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act, Section 4(f) de minimis Determination for this project. Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 seeks to protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Provisions to carry out this evaluation are recorded in 23 CFR 774.17, Section 4(f). As part of the Safe, Accountable and Efficient Transportation Equity Act- A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005, the legislature established the de minimis finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effects would occur. De minimis impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

Why this Ad:

Caltrans has studied the effects this proposed project may have on the environment. The results of these studies are summarized in an environmental document known as an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) and a draft Section 4(f) de minimis evaluation. The Proposed IS-MND and draft Section 4(f) de minimis evaluation, as well as printed copies of the aforementioned reports, are available upon request. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of these documents to any interested individuals, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of an online presentation and Q&A (details below).

What's Available:

You can review an electronic version of the Proposed IS-MND and draft Section 4(f) de minimis evaluation on the Caltrans District 4 website (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>).

Where You Come In:

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Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Section 4(f) de minimis evaluation? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. Please submit your written comments anytime from September 9, 2023 to October 8, 2023 to Caltrans at the following email, phone number, or mailing address:

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When and Where:

The virtual public meeting will be held on September 26, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. More details and the link to the public meeting can be found on the project website: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the project team at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled presentation date.