



Midpeninsula Regional  
Open Space District

# Memorandum

DATE: March 18, 2025

MEMO TO: State Clearinghouse

FROM: Jared Hart, AICP, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: SCH #2024020745: Finding of No Significant Impact Notice of Availability for the Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings and Trail Connections Project

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The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation District 4 (Caltrans), proposes to construct a wildlife undercrossing and a separate regional multi-use trail overcrossing of State Route 17 in Santa Clara County, known as the Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings and Trail Connections Project (Project). Midpen is the project sponsor and lead agency under CEQA. Caltrans is the lead agency under NEPA. On January 2, 2025, Midpen submitted the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to the State Clearinghouse on CEQAnet for the Project (SCH #2024020745). As part of the Caltrans project delivery process, upon completion of the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase, and pursuant to USDOT Order 5610.1C, Paragraph 5.b, Caltrans issued a FONSI Notice of Availability (NOA) letter to the State Clearinghouse, dated March 5, 2025. Midpen and Caltrans request the FONSI NOA letter be added as an attachment to the associated FONSI document that was published on CEQAnet on January 2, 2025: **SCH #2024020745 – FON - Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings and Trail Connections Project.**

The FONSI NOA letter is attached to this memorandum. If there are any questions please contact Jared Hart, Senior Planner at (650) 625-6535 or [jhart@openspace.org](mailto:jhart@openspace.org).

Attachment: Caltrans FONSI NOA letter, dated March 5, 2025



**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)  
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)**

Pursuant to USDOT Order 5610.1C, Paragraph 5.b

**Date:** March 5, 2025

**To:** State Clearinghouse  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA, 95814

**From:** California Department of Transportation  
District 4  
111 Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B  
Oakland, CA 94612

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2024020745

**Project Description:** The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, proposes to construct a wildlife undercrossing and a separate regional multi-use trail overcrossing of State Route (SR) 17 near Lexington Reservoir, south of the Town of Los Gatos in Santa Clara County. The Highway 17 Wildlife and Regional Trail Crossings and Trail Connections Project (project) would include new trails adjacent to the overcrossing and in other locations throughout the project area. The proposed project area extends along SR 17 from the Bear Creek Road overcrossing in unincorporated Santa Clara County in the south to 0.7 mile south of the Main Street overcrossing in Los Gatos in the north. The project's post mile (PM) limits are PM 4.1 to 5.8.

This is to advise you that a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made for this project by the California Department of Transportation as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 USC 327. A copy of the FONSI and the attached Environmental Assessment can be obtained from the California Department of Transportation office located at the above address.