

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)

June 3, 2024

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 01-0L110 La Franchi Safety Project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with proposed Negative Declaration (ND), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Mendocino County on U.S. 101. Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: The proposed project is located on U.S. Highway 101 in Hopland, Mendocino County from post mile R9.5 to 10.8.

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the La Franchi Safety Project on U.S. Highway 101 in Mendocino County between Post Miles R9.5 to 10.8. Project features include widening to accommodate standard 8-foot shoulder widths and new left-turn and merge lanes, upgrading guardrail to current standards, replacing one (1) culvert, and constructing a new retaining system to realign the roadway in the northbound direction.

Environmental Effects: The proposed project would have Less Than Significant Impacts to Biological Resources, Hydrology and Water, Greenhouse Gas, and Noise.

Availability of Document: Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a draft IS MND is being made available for a public review period commencing on June 3, 2024, and ending on July 3, 2024. The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-programs/d3-environmental/d3-environmental-docs/d3-mendocino-county>

Comments: Caltrans will be accepting written comments on the Draft IS ND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2024, and can be submitted by mail to:

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Submit comments via email to: LaFranchi.SafetyProject@dot.ca.gov