



**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
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April 2, 2008

TO: Users of East Side Potter Valley Road

SUBJECT: Notice of Public Hearing for Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration &
Notice of a Community Meeting to discuss project.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are two items for your consideration, but first a brief background.

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation is moving forward with construction of the East Side Potter Valley Improvement Project. Construction is tentatively scheduled for fiscal year 2009/2010.

The County of Mendocino Department of Transportation proposes to remove, reconstruct, and widen a portion of Eastside Potter Valley Road. The current road structure (base and pavement) is severely deteriorated and is in need of reconstruction. The road currently consists of two 10-foot-wide traveled lanes with ½ foot paved shoulders. The proposed project consists of grinding and recycling the current base and pavement using a process called foamed asphalt. The roadway will be further widened to include gravel shoulders of 1-foot to 5-foot widths.

For the most part, the alignment will not be changed from its current position. There is a 1,400-foot portion of the road with a sharp switchback curve. The alignment of this section of road is to be straightened. The radii of two other curves will be increased to meet speed design criteria and the profile through a crest will be lowered to provide required sight distances.

Item #1 for Consideration

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation will conduct a public informational meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, Potter Valley School, 1041 Main Street, for the purpose of receiving comments from all interested parties about the proposed road widening and reconstruction improvements.

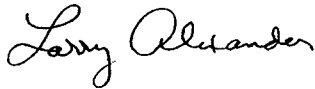
All interested parties, with any comments about the proposed improvements to East Side Potter Valley Road, may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and comments from the public before the final engineering design is underway. If you have any questions, please call Larry Alexander, Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering, at (707) 463-4510, or Park Steiner, Environmental Compliance Specialist, at (707) 463-4265.

Item #2 for Consideration

Please find included in this mailing a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for East Side Potter Valley Improvement Project. The Notice of Intent includes information about a Public Hearing before the County Board Of Supervisors on June 3, 2008. The Notice of Intent includes information about the public hearing on this project, how to provide comments to the Board of Supervisors, and where to get more information about the project.

If you have questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (707) 467-2542, or by email at alexandl@co.mendocino.ca.us.

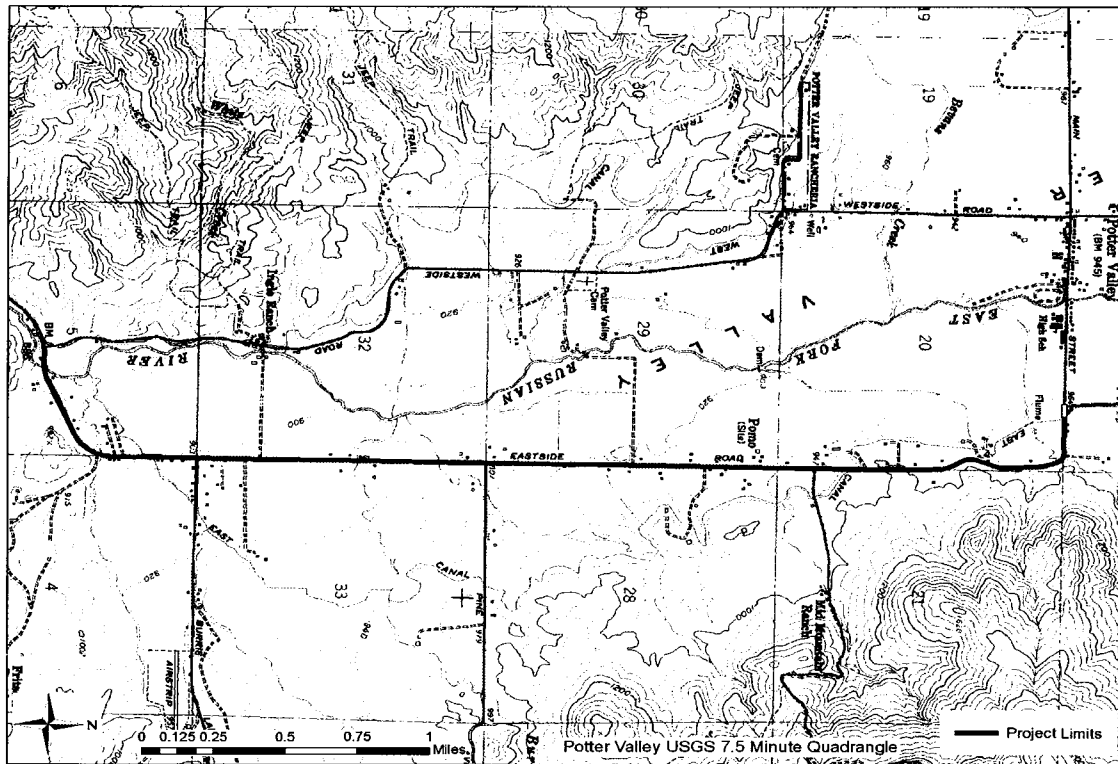
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Alexander".

Larry Alexander
Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering

Enclosures

cc: Project File



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EAST SIDE POTTER VALLEY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Description of project: East Side Potter Valley Road is one of two collector roads through an unincorporated area of Mendocino County known as Potter Valley. It is also the primary route to the Lake Pillsbury Recreation Area. The road structure (base and pavement) has severely deteriorated and is in need of reconstruction. The road currently consists of two 12-foot wide lanes with 2-foot paved shoulders. For the most part the alignment of the road will not be changed from its current position. There is a 1400-foot portion of the road, which has a sharp switchback curve. The alignment of this section of road is to be straightened. The project will include widening the existing roadway to accommodate adequate shoulders.

Lead Agency: Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

Public Review Period: April 14th through May 5th, 2008. All written comments **must be received prior to 4:30 P.M. on May 5, 2008** at 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California 95482

Public Hearing: The Mendocino County Board of supervisors at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at 11:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the subject project and the Draft Mitigated Declaration at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard. Oral comments may be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the public hearing.

Location of Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration: A copy of the Initial Study with mitigation measures in support of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the Mendocino County Library in Ukiah (105 North Main Street), Mendocino County Library in Willits (390 East Commercial Street), the County Department of Transportation in Ukiah (340 Lake Mendocino Drive) and available on the internet at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dot> under the environmental documents tab.

Project Coordinator: If you need further information, or would like to discuss this project please contact Park Steiner – Mendocino County Department of Transportation – direct line (707) 463-4265.

KRISTI FURMAN
Clerk of the Board

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