

MENDOCINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF BOARD HEARING AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing on the following project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the time listed or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard.

Project title: North State Street at Ackerman Creek Bridge Replacement Project, County Bridge #10C-0065.

Lead agency: Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MDOT), 340 Lake Mendocino Dr., Ukiah, CA 95482

Contact person, phone number and e-mail: Jackson Ford, Environmental Compliance Specialist, (707) 234-2818, fordj@co.mendocino.ca.us

Project location: The approximately 6.7-acre project area is aligned along the section of North State Street that passes over Ackerman Creek between Olive Avenue to the north and Kunzler Ranch Road to the south. The project site is found on the *Ukiah, California* 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle, Yokaya Land Grant, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Description of project: The County proposes to replace the existing bridge and construct the necessary roadway approach improvements. The existing bridge is currently classified as functionally obsolete. The purpose of this project is to improve public safety by providing safe and cost effective solutions for traffic to cross Ackerman Creek. The new bridge elevation would be lowered in order to reduce the severity of the existing vertical curve and improve sight distance across the bridge. It is anticipated that the earliest that construction would start is May 2017. Construction is anticipated to require two construction seasons with project completion anticipated by October 2018. During construction, controlled traffic would be routed over one lane of the existing bridge while the new bridge half is constructed. Once the new bridge half is completed, controlled traffic would be shifted to the new structure, and the remainder of old bridge would be removed. The second half of the new bridge would then be constructed in its place. Access to the surrounding businesses and residential communities will be maintained throughout construction.

Environmental Determination: The Mendocino County Department of Transportation has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above project (there will not be a significant effect in this case because proposed mitigation measures will reduce potentially significant effects to a less than significant level). A copy of the Initial Study with mitigation measures in support of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bridge Replacement Project is available for public review at the Ukiah Library (105 N. Main St), the County Department of Transportation in Ukiah (340 Lake Mendocino Drive), and the MDOT website <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/dot> under the environmental documents tab.

Your comments regarding the above project and/or the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are invited. Written comments should be submitted to the Mendocino County Department of Transportation, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California 95482. All written comments **must be received prior to 5 P.M. January 18, 2016** to be included with the Staff Report to the Board. Oral, email and/or additional written comments may be presented to the Board of Supervisors during the public hearing.

If you challenge the above matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you or someone else raised in the written correspondence delivered to the Department of Transportation, at or prior to the date indicated above. All persons are invited to appear and present testimony in this matter.

Additional information regarding the above noted item may be obtained by calling the Department of Transportation, at 463-4363, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Should you desire notification of the Board of Supervisors decision you may do so by requesting notification in writing and providing a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Mendocino County Department of Transportation.

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