

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, August 12, 2014, 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: Reeves Canyon Road at Forsythe Creek Bridge Replacement Project, County Bridge #10C0077.

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) 463-4622, fordj@co.mendocino.ca.us

Project location: The project site is approximately 2 miles west of the unincorporated community of Redwood Valley, Mendocino County, CA and about 0.5 miles northwest of U.S. Highway 101/State Route 20. The project study area is located within the *Laughlin Range, California* 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle (Township 16 North, Range 13 West, Section 1) in the Upper Russian River hydrologic Unit. The surrounding land use is rural residential.

Description of project: The County proposes to replace the existing bridge (No. 10C-0077) on Reeves Canyon Road over Forsythe Creek and construct the necessary roadway approach improvements. The bridge currently in place has been found to be structurally deficient due to substandard load carrying capacity. The purpose of this project is to improve public safety by providing safe and cost effective solutions for traffic to cross Forsythe Creek. The vertical profile grade will be similar to the existing to allow adequate freeboard above the 50 and 100-year flood events. The new bridge will be constructed slightly upstream of the existing bridge. The roadway would be realigned to conform to the new bridge. Reeves Canyon Road would be realigned to improve the sharp horizontal curve located south of the existing bridge. Right-of-way acquisition will be needed for this alignment. Construction of the new bridge outside of the current alignment would allow continued use of the existing bridge during construction. Construction will be completed within one season.

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 Willits Library (390 E Commercial 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. August 22, 2014** 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 Mendocino County 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, 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, California 95482.

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