

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, July 11, 2017, 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: Powerhouse Road at Williams Creek Bridge Replacement Project, County Bridge #10C0166.

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

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

Project location: The Project is located along Powerhouse Road, at milepost 0.91, in the unincorporated community of Potter Valley, Mendocino County, CA. The project study area is located within the *Potter Valley, California* 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle (Township 17 North, Range 11 West, Section 18) in the Russian River Hydrologic Unit. The surrounding land uses are rural residential and agricultural.

Description of project: The County proposes to replace Bridge 10C0166 on Powerhouse Road over Williams Creek. The existing bridge is structurally deficient and provides insufficient freeboard to pass the 50-year flood event. The proposed new bridge structure meets current design standards and will conform to Caltrans freeboard standards for 50-year and 100-year flood events. The proposed new bridge will have a length of 50 ft. and a clear width of 28 ft. (two 10 ft. lanes and two 4 ft. shoulders) which will provide a safer structure for vehicle passage. The new bridge will be constructed on the same vertical and horizontal alignments as the existing bridge. The roadway approaches on both sides of the bridge will be widened to accommodate the widened bridge lanes. Powerhouse Road in the project area will be closed during construction to through traffic. Anticipated duration of road closure is approximately 3 months. Residential driveways located north and south of the bridge will be maintained to allow access during construction. Two detour routes will be available via Gibson Lane and Eel River Road. The detour will add approximately six (6) minutes of travel time. Signs will be placed near the project to notify the public in advance of the road closure period. Construction staging areas will be located along both sides of Powerhouse Road, north and south of the bridge. Temporary construction easements will be required in order to construct the driveway aprons and bridge abutments. No permanent right-of-way acquisition is required for the Project. 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 Mendocino County Library (105 N. Main St, Ukiah), the County Department of Transportation in Ukiah (340 Lake Mendocino Drive), and the MCDOT 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. The public review and comment period will be open from May 5, 2017 through June 5, 2017. 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 4:30 P.M. June 5, 2017** 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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