

Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, California Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state and federal funding, is proposing a roadway rehabilitation 3R project located in the City of Yreka, in Siskiyou County. The project includes the segment of State Route (SR) 3 from post mile R46.8 to R48.0 (this section of roadway has a post mile equation [L50.16 = R47.38]), Moonlit Oaks Avenue between SR 3 and Fairlane Road, and a section of SR 263 from post mile 49.1 to 49.4. The project is approximately 4.4 miles in length, and is primarily in an urban, main street setting.

The strategy is to reconstruct the roadway's structural section to meet current design standards and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The roadway between Oberlin Road and Broadway would be narrowed to improve pedestrian safety. Existing paved roadway shoulders would be widened to 8 feet at various locations in the northern portion of the project area. Most sidewalks, including approximately 90 curb ramps and 190 driveways, would be replaced throughout the downtown corridor.

Various utilities would be replaced, relocated, and/or protected in place. Water pipelines would be replaced or protected in place, propane pipelines would be relocated or replaced, and fiber optic/telephone/electrical lines may need to be relocated at some locations. Utility covers would be adjusted to grade and light poles would be relocated. Approximately 85 stormdrain culverts (totaling approximately 7,000 lineal feet) under the roadway would be replaced, repaired, or undergo maintenance. In addition, approximately 14,000 lineal feet of stormdrain pipe and associated drainage inlets would be installed to accommodate the 10-year storm event. Actuated pedestrian signals would be installed at various crosswalks to meet current ADA standards, a closed-circuit television (CCTV) would be installed at the intersection of SR 3 and SR 263, and existing signal systems would be upgraded on SR 3 at the intersection with Moonlit Oaks Avenue, Oberlin Road, and Miner Street

Other improvements include designating Class II (striped bike lanes) and Class III (shared traveled way designated by share the road signs and/or pavement markings) bikeways, marking county transit stops with painted curbs and signage, and bringing the Yreka Creek bridge rail up to standard.

Determination

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study for this project, and following public review, has determined from this study that the proposed project would not have a significant impact to the environment for the following reasons:

- The project would not have a significant impact on the environment.
- Individual impacts would not have a cumulatively significant impact on the environment.
- No mitigation would be required (only avoidance/minimization measures would be implemented).

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