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1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
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Subject: The Old Road Over Castaic Creek Project SCH#2021010194

The Newhall Area of the California Highway Patrol recently received an "Environmental Document Review and Response (SCH#2021010194)" for the Notice of Completion (NOC) for The Old Road Over Castaic Creek Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). After our review, we have limited concerns with the potential impact this project could have on traffic congestion.

Our concerns relate to the proposed seismic retrofitting of The Old Road Bridge over Castaic Creek. The potential full or part time closure of The Old Road bridge due to construction and seismic retrofitting may create an increase in traffic congestion.

This project could have a negative impact on our operations due to increased traffic congestion, which could lead to potential increase in traffic collisions and CHP response times within our jurisdiction.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sergeant Jonathan Yochim at (661) 294-5540.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E.A. Krusey".

E.A. KRUSEY, Captain
Commander
Newhall Area

cc: Special Projects Section



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

THE OLD ROAD OVER CASTAIC CREEK PROJECT

Los Angeles County Public Works proposes to seismically retrofit The Old Road Bridge over Castaic Creek (project), located in the unincorporated community of Val Verde (see Figure 1).

The Old Road Bridge crosses Castaic Creek, a seasonal waterway, which runs northeast to southwest in the project area. The project site consists of the The Old Road Bridge, portions of the adjacent Castaic Creek bed and bank, and construction staging areas to the north and south of the existing bridge. The project site is approximately 0.8 mile north of State Route 126 and immediately west of and parallel to Interstate 5.

The project would involve the seismic retrofitting of The Old Road Bridge to bring the bridge into conformance with current seismic standards. Seismic retrofitting techniques would include removal of unsound concrete and replacement of concrete where necessary; retrofitting of the existing concrete foundation; driving of steel micro piles at the piers; and construction of concrete walls, foundations, and support fixtures. These improvements would be installed both from the bridge deck and by accessing the Castaic Creek bottom. Temporary staging areas would be established to the north and south of the existing bridge on the existing dirt shoulders of The Old Road on either side of Castaic Creek. The project construction is anticipated to occur in 2024 and would be completed in approximately 24 weeks. Once construction has been completed the bridge would be maintained and used in a manner consistent with existing conditions.

To comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Works as the lead agency for the project has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to assess the impact of the project to the environment and the community. Potentially significant environmental impacts were identified in the areas of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire; these impacts can be reduced to levels that are less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. The IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review starting January 19, 2021, and ending February 18, 2021. During this period, the IS/MND may be accessed electronically at the following website: <https://pw.lacounty.gov/tpp/old-road/docs/TheOldRoadOverCastaicCreek-IS-MND.pdf>

Interested parties must submit their comments in writing by February 18, 2021. Comments must be submitted via postal or electronic mail to the following address:

Department of Public Works
Transportation Planning and Programs Division, 11th Floor
Attention Mr. Albert Anidi
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The final IS/MND will incorporate responses to written comments received during the public review period. The final document will be considered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for approval. Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Mr. Albert Anidi, Transportation Planning and Programs Division, (626) 458-5199 or aanidi@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, between 6:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Si necesita asistencia con la traducción a Español, por favor comuníquese con el representante del departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Angeles, Sr. Art Correa (626) 458-3948.

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SOURCE: Esri, Digital Globe 2017; Open Street Map 2019

FIGURE 1

Project Location

The Old Road Over Castaic Creek Project

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Summary

SCH Number

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Lead Agency

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW)

Document Title

The Old Road Over Castaic Creek Project

Document Type

MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration

Received

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Present Land Use

The Old Road is designated as a "Major Highway." Surrounding properties designated as General Commercial (CG) and Industrial Office (IO) and zoned as General Commercial (C-3) and Restricted Heavy Manufacturing (M-1.5-DP).

Document Description

The project would involve seismic retrofits to The Old Road Bridge over Castaic Creek, which is located in the unincorporated community of Val Verde in Los Angeles County. The proposed seismic retrofitting of the existing bridge would bring the bridge into conformance with current seismic standards. Construction of the retrofits is expected to occur in 2024 and would take approximately 24 weeks. Construction would require some excavations within the creek bottom underneath the bridge; however, any disturbance areas within the creek would be returned to pre construction conditions upon completion of construction. Temporary staging areas would be established to the north and south of the existing bridge. Once project construction has been completed, the bridge would be maintained and used in a manner consistent with existing conditions. No expansion in lane capacity would occur, and no substantial changes to the layout of connecting roadways would occur.

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