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Jul 8, 2022

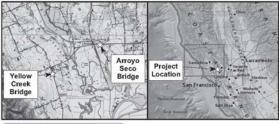
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE INITIAL STUDY WITH PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION.



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the State Route (SR) 121 Bridge Railing Upgrade Project (Project). Caltrans proposes to upgrade the bridge railings at Yellow Creek Bridge (approximately 44 linear feet) (post mile [PM] 6.52) and at Arroyo Seco Bridge (approximately 164 linear feet) (PM 8.43) on SR 121 in Sonoma County, California. The Project would also include widening Yellow Creek Bridge approximately 6 inches on each side (for a total of approximately 12 inches) and Arroyo Seco Bridge approximately 8 inches on each side (for a total of approximately 16 inches) to accommodate the updated bridge raillings, removing the metal beam guardrail and alternative flared terminal systems, and installing Midwest Guardrail System and alternative in-line terminal systems, constructing concrete anchor blocks, and installing vegetation control.

WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Per CEQA Section 15073, Caltrans will circulate the IS/ND for review for 30 days from July 8, 2022, to August 8, 2022. During the 30-day public review period, the general public and responsible and trustee agencies can submit comments on the IS/ND to Caltrans. Caltrans will consider the comments and will respond to the comments after the 30-day public review period.

After comments have been received from the general public and responsible and trustee agencies. Caltrans may:

- Grant environmental approval to the Project.
- Conduct additional environmental studies
- Abandon the Project.

If the Project is granted environmental approval and funding is obtained, Caltrans could design and construct all or part of the Project.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The IS/ND describes why Caltrans proposes the Project, how the existing environment could be affected by the Project, potential environmental impacts, and the project features and avoidance and minimization measures.

The IS/ND, maps, and Project information are available to download at the District 4 Environmental Documents by County website (https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/ d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs). In addition, a hardcopy of the IS/ND will be made available at the following location in the vicinity of the Project:

> Sonoma County Regional Library 755 West Napa Street Sonoma, CA 95476

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Please read the IS/ND. We would like to hear what you think. Send comments by July 16, 2022 to:

Caltrans, District 4

ATTN: Amica MacCarthy, Senior Environmental Planner

P.O. Box 23660, MS-8B

Oakland, CA 94623-0660; or

sr121bridgerailupgrade@dot.ca.gov

For individuals with sensory disabilities, the IS/ND can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk by writing to the Caltrans District 4 mailing or email address or by calling California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735-2922

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