



PUBLIC NOTICE



Notice of Intent to Adopt a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and OPPORTUNITY for a VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

(Study Results Available)

Boulder Creek Bridge Scour Repair Project

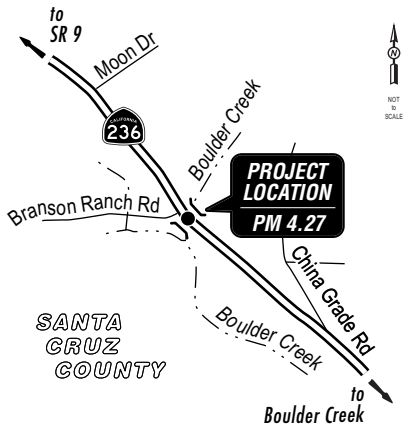
*Do you want a virtual public hearing on changes
proposed for State Route 236 in Santa Cruz County?*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments will be accepted from
December 21 to January 19, 2024.
If there are no major comments or
requests for a hearing, Caltrans will
proceed with the project's design.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to repair the scour located at the existing bridge abutment on Boulder Creek Bridge located at post mile 4.27 on State Route 236 in Santa Cruz County, California. The proposed work includes the placement of a reinforced concrete curtain wall along the full length of the existing abutment spread footing. The curtain wall would wrap around the upstream (northern) side of the abutment to protect the concrete from erosion. Additionally, cracks and defects in the existing concrete on the underside of the bridge would be patched. The proposed project would temporarily impact jurisdictional wetlands, other waters, and riparian habitats. Approximately 47 square feet of permanent impacts on the perennial stream are anticipated. Although the proposed project is within the designated 100-year floodplain, the proposed curtain wall would not extend above the level of the existing footing and would have no effect on the base floodplain compared to its original condition.



WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show the project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and of its availability for you to read and comment on. This notice also offers you an opportunity to request a virtual public hearing.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review and copying at:

- Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, weekdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Boulder Creek Branch of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries system at 13390 West Park Avenue, Boulder Creek, California 95006, Monday through Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Online at the Caltrans website at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>.
- Paper copies of the document can be provided upon request.

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of our study as set forth in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a virtual public hearing? Please submit your comments or requests for a virtual public hearing in writing by U.S. Mail or email no later than January 19, 2024, to Caltrans, Attention: Dianna Beck, Department of Transportation, 50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, or by email to dianna.beck@dot.ca.gov. The date Caltrans will begin accepting comments is December 21, 2023. If there are no major comments or requests for a virtual public hearing, Caltrans will proceed with the project's design.

CONTACT

For more information about this project, please contact the District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov, Project Manager Chad Stoehr at 805-550-0713 or by email at chad.stoehr@dot.ca.gov, or Associate Environmental Planner Dianna Beck at 805-459-9406 or by email at dianna.beck@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, individuals who require accommodation (American Sign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documents in alternative formats, etc.) are requested to contact the Caltrans District 5 Public Information Office at 805-549-3138 or by email at info-d5@dot.ca.gov. Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service line at 1-800-735-2929, Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922, or contact the California Relay Service Teletype Voice Line by dialing 711.