



NOTICE OF INTENT

to Adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) De Minimis Finding for Impacts to Cottonwood Grove - Sefton Field Park and Mission Valley Preserve



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED? Caltrans is proposing an acquisition of 2,591 square feet of the Cottonwood Grove – Sefton Field Park property and 2,762 square feet from the Mission Valley Preserve, both owned by the City of San Diego, in order to construct the freeway widening and Morena Boulevard off-ramp realignment. The right-of-way for transportation use is for the freeway widening and Morena Boulevard off-ramp realignment.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE? The proposed project is an action that is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect from transportation use of publicly owned parks and recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and historic sites considered to have national, state or local significance from impacts related to the “use” of these resources caused by transportation projects. The act includes a special provision to carry out this effort in 23 CFR 774.17, Section 4(f).

Responsibility for compliance with Section 4(f) has been assigned to the Department pursuant to 23 USC 326 and 327, including determinations and approval of Section 4(f) evaluations, as well as coordination with those agencies that have jurisdiction over a Section 4(f) resource that may be affected by a project action.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW? A document has been prepared to support Caltrans' intent to determine a de minimis impact finding, and is available for public review and comment, which can be found at:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/envir.htm>

Public comments on the 4(f) de minimis finding will be accepted until end of day, **October 7th, 2016**. Responses or replies to the public comments may not be required, depending on the substantive nature of the comments; however, all comments and responses will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the proposed project.

WHERE YOU COME IN? Caltrans is soliciting input from the public, as well as representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, and the County of San Diego. Send all comments to **David.L.Nagy@dot.ca.gov** or mail to:

**David Nagy, Senior Environmental Planner – Branch B,
District 11, California Department of Transportation
4050 Taylor Street, M.S. 242, San Diego, CA 92110.**

CONTACT: For more information about the proposed project, please contact: **David Nagy, Senior Environmental Planner**, at (619) 688-0224.

Special Accommodations – Individuals who require documents in alternative formats or translated are requested to contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-6670. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service TTY line at 711.