



PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SECTION 4(F) DE
MINIMIS DETERMINATION FOR PESCADERO CREEK
BRIDGE RAILS PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace the bridge railing systems on the Pescadero Creek Bridge on State Route (SR) 1 at Post Mile (PM 14.0) in San Mateo County, California, for the Pescadero Creek Bridge Rails Project (Project). The Project would upgrade bridge railing systems to current State and Federal safety standards. The Project is located in a Section 4(f) resource.



WHY THIS AD?

Caltrans has studied the effects the Project may have on the environment. This public notice is to tell you of Caltrans' intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) *de minimis* finding and of its availability for you to review and provide comments.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 seeks to protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Provisions to carry out this evaluation are recorded in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 774.17, Section 4(f). As part of the Safe, Accountable and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA_LU ACT) of 2005, the legislature established the *de minimis* finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effects would occur. *De minimis* impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

Caltrans has determined that the Project will require a temporary construction easement (TCE) within California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) right-of-way (ROW) on Pescadero State Beach, a Section 4(f) resource. The Project would not restrict public access and impacts to the character of the Section 4(f) resource within the TCE are temporary. Caltrans has analyzed the use that the Project would have on the Section 4(f) resource and has determined that the one TCE within State Parks ROW on Pescadero State Beach to have a *de minimis* use on the Section 4(f) resource.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is available for review weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Caltrans District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is also available to download at the [Caltrans environmental document website](https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs) (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>).

WHERE YOU COME IN?

Comments concerning the use of the Section 4(f) resource are welcomed during the 30-day public comment period from April 16, 2022 to May 16, 2022. Please send comments to:

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CONTACT

For individuals with sensory disabilities, the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination can be made available in Braille, in large print, on audio cassette, or on computer disk by writing to the above address or email or by calling California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 (TTY), (800) 735-2922 (Voice), or 711. For more information about the determination of a *de minimis* determination or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the Project, please contact Blake Hihara, Environmental Planner, at (510) 407-9735-7734 or blake.hihara@dot.ca.gov.