



Public Notice

Arroyo Road at Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS TO SYCAMORE GROVE PARK

August 7, 2023

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED

The County of Alameda proposes to replace the structurally deficient Arroyo Road over Dry Creek Bridge (33C0448) with a new bridge that meets current applicable County, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Caltrans design criteria and standards. The new bridge will be a cast-in-place, reinforced, concrete, single span, slab bridge that will accommodate two travel lanes plus shoulders and traffic rated vehicular barriers. The bridge will also accommodate a 12-foot-wide Class I bike path separated from traffic by an interior vehicular traffic rated barrier. The replacement structure will be 34-feet long and will be supported by integral diaphragm type abutments on deep foundations. The roadway profile will be raised approximately two feet to meet hydraulic and geometric requirements. To accommodate the raised profile, wider bridge structure, and longer span, the roadway centerline at the bridge will be shifted to the southwest to maintain traffic throughout construction while balancing impacts from slopes encroaching upon agricultural land (winery) to the northwest, Sycamore Grove Park to the southwest, grazing land to the northeast, and a recreational facility to the southeast. The access driveway will be reconstructed to connect to the raised roadway.

PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

The project is an action that is subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 03 and 23 U.S.C. 138 [PL 110-17], [PL 97-449], [PL 86-670]). Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned public parklands, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts – the “use” of these resources – by U.S. Department of Transportation actions. After an evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding must be made. The responsibility for Section 4(f) findings has been assigned by the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. Section 6009 of SAFETEA-LU allows determinations that certain uses of 4(f) land will have no adverse effect – de minimis – on the protected resource. Section 6009(a) requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have de minimis impact.

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WHAT IS AVAILABLE

Copies of the Section 4(f) de minimis finding are available for review at the following locations and websites:

Alameda County Public Works Agency
399 Elmhurst Street
Hayward, CA 94544
www.acpwa.org/document-library.page
(Under ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS)

WHERE YOU COME IN

Comments are requested on the proposed 4(f) de minimis finding.

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Public comments will be accepted up to 30 days from the date of this public notice. 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.