

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW and NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 15072 of CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) Statutes and Guidelines, notice is given that a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the project. This certifies that Mendocino County Department of Transportation has determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to be associated with the project, or that implementation of feasible mitigation measures would either avoid or reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level:

Project Title: Hill Road Bridge at Mill Creek Bridge Replacement Project

Project Description: The Mendocino County Department of Transportation (MDOT) proposes to replace the existing single-lane bridge at Mill Creek with a new two-lane bridge and widened roadway approaches. The new bridge would be approximately 147 feet long and 27 feet wide, which would be 27 feet longer and 9 feet wider than the existing bridge. The new bridge would be similar in character to the existing bridge, namely a single-span, steel truss structure. In addition to the new bridge, an approximately 200-foot section of the eastern roadway approach and 300 feet of the western approach to the bridge would be improved with two 10-foot wide travel lanes with 2-foot wide shoulders to accommodate the new bridge deck elevation, width and location. Construction is expected to begin in summer 2024.

Project location: The project is located at the southeast edge of Round Valley, approximately 3.25 miles southeast of the Town of Covelo in northeastern unincorporated Mendocino County. The specific location of the project is where Hill Road crosses Mill Creek, approximately 1.5 miles east of the intersection of Hill Road and Dobie Lane, at Mile Post 2.05.

Starting and ending dates for the review period and Public Hearing Notice: The 30-day review period shall commence on August 12th and conclude at 5 p.m. on September 11th. All written comments must be received by this time at: Mendocino County Transportation Department (attention: Chris Collins), 340 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482; or emailed to: collinsch@mendocinocounty.org. The Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the MND at a regular Board of Supervisors meeting at the close of the public review period at: 501 Low Gap Road, Room 1010 in Ukiah. This project is tentatively scheduled to be on the October 6th, 2020, agenda. To confirm the meeting date and time please visit Mendocino County's Board of Supervisor's website at

https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors. Meetings are live streamed and available for viewing on the Mendocino County YouTube page, at https://www.youtube.com/MendocinoCountyVideo. Information regarding telecomment participation can be found at https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/agendas-and-minutes.

Location for review of the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration: The Initial Study and Proposed MND is available for review on the Mendocino County website at https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-notices.

Chris Collins 8/12/2020