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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES, TIA SAR, PLANNER II

SUBJECT: CDP_2021-0019 – THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) REQUEST TO CONSOLIDATE PERMIT. THE PROJECT PROPOSES TO WIDEN AND UPGRADE THE JACK PETERS CREEK BRIDGE ON STATE ROUTE 1 AT POST MILE MARKER 51.87.

The applicant, California Department of Transportation, is proposing to widen and upgrade the bridge rails on Jack Peters Creek Bridge on State Route 1 at post mile marker 51.87 in Mendocino County. The purpose of this project is to bring Jack Peters Creek Bridge up to current design standards by widening the existing structure and upgrading the bridge rails. In addition, the existing shoulder widths range between one (1) and two (2) feet, which does not provide adequate room for disabled vehicles or maneuvers by a vehicle to avoid a collision, adequate shoulder width to accommodate bicycle traffic, or separated walkways to accommodate pedestrians. The project activities are split between Coastal Commission retained jurisdiction and Mendocino County coastal jurisdiction. The applicant has requested a consolidated permit to process all improvements under one permit, expediting the review process.

The proposed improvements to widen Jack Peters Creek Bridge approximately 17 feet east to accommodate two twelve (12) foot wide lanes, two (six) 6 foot wide shoulders and a six (6) foot wide separated pedestrian walkway on the west side of the widened structure. The existing bridge rails will be upgraded to current standards. Construction would last approximately 305 days. There shall be no earth work below the 50 year water surface elevation of 13 feet; between October 15 to June 15, removal of vegetation shall, take place outside of the bird nesting season. The roadway approaches will be widened to the east requiring the removal of approximately 131 upland trees and 12 riparian trees, which include saplings. Approximately 37% of the trees that will be removed are within the larger contiguous stand of grand fir and bishop pine, and 60% of the trees that will be removed are in the cut fill zone south of Lansing Street, and east of the existing highway dominated by Monterey cypress (including the 70 saplings).

An existing drainage swale adjacent to the existing bridge and located along the south facing slope of the Jack Peters Creek drainage will be reestablished from the northeast corner of the widened north abutment southeasterly to Jack Peters Creek. A portion of the reestablished drainage swale will be constructed from the northeast corner of the widened structure, and from the temporary trestle, with a backhoe using a hoe ram and bucket. Segments of the reestablished drainage swale beyond the reach of heavy equipment, located at the northeast bridge abutment and the temporary trestle will be excavated by work persons using hand tools. Although the final alignment of the reestablished drainage swale will be determined in the field, the general direction and length of the reestablished drainage swale will be South 70 degrees, East 125 feet. There are two potential staging areas to environmentally clear for (or by?) the contractor prior to construction.

The project activities are split between Coastal Commission retained jurisdiction and Mendocino County coastal jurisdiction. The attached *Parcels Map* shows the exact location of proposed improvements. Each proposed improvement is considered “development” as defined in Mendocino County Code (MCC) Section 20.308.035, therefore, the improvements in each jurisdiction would require a Coastal Development Permit pursuant to MCC Section 20.532.010.

The proposed consolidation request by the applicant would allow for streamlined processing of this project. The alternative would be the processing of multiple Coastal Development Permits by multiple jurisdictions, which would not allow analysis of the project as a whole. By authorizing the consolidation, the Board of Supervisors would allow the California Coastal Commission to process a Coastal Development Permit, for the proposed improvements to Jack Peters Creek. At the request of the applicants, a resolution is being requested to begin the consolidated permit review under the California Coastal Commission to streamline the process.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution to allow the California Coastal Commission to process a consolidated Coastal Development Permit for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to widen, and upgrade the bridge rails on Jack Peters Creek Bridge on State Route 1 at post mile marker 51.87, and authorize chair to sign same.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Draft Resolution to the Board of Supervisors
- B. The Department of Transportation Request, dated March 9, 2021
- C. Application
- D. Location Map
- E. Appeal Area Map
- F. Site Map