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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
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RE: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION
INCLUDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NUMBER 10C-0146 ON LAMBERT LANE,
COUNTY ROAD 123A, MILEPOST 0.10 OVER ROBINSON CREEK
(BOONVILLE AREA)

Honorable Board Members:

On April 19, 2016, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved BOS Agreement Number (No.)
16-017/Department of Transportation (DOT) Agreement No. 160025, with Quincy Engineering,
Inc., for professional engineering services and technical studies pertaining to the replacement of
the Robinson Creek Bridge on Lambert Lane, County Road 123A, milepost 0.10, near the
Boonville area, Mendocino County, California.

The existing bridge on Lambert Lane was constructed in 1954 and is a narrow concrete slab that
is functionally obsolete. It is proposed to replace the bridge (No. 10C-0146) on Lambert Lane
and construct the necessary roadway approach improvements. The existing bridge has been
determined by Caltrans to be structurally deficient due to substandard load-carrying capacity.
The new bridge will meet current design standards of Mendocino County, the American
Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and Caltrans.

The replacement bridge will have 9-foot lanes and 5-foot shoulders in each direction, resulting in
a wider structure which meets safety standards. In addition to the bridge replacement, portions of
the stream channel upstream and downstream of the bridge will be stabilized. During
construction, a temporary detour bridge is proposed to be erected offset from the existing bridge
to pass traffic around bridge construction operations within the project site and avoid closure of
Lambert Lane.

The Engineer's Estimate for the project is some $7,048,000.00. The project is federally funded primarily through the Federal Highway Bridge Program, $6,240,000.00 (88.53%), with the local match being $808,000.00 (11.47%) reimbursed through the Toll Credits Program.

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, an Initial Study (IS) has been completed for this project. The study supports the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). CEQA further requires that the lead agency provide for public review of the IS/MND. The County provided notice of the IS/MND through publication, posting and mailing. Public comments received up to the public hearing date of October 19, 2021, will be provided during the Board's meeting.
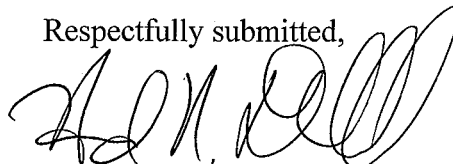
The Department of Transportation maintains, based on the Initial Study, that it is appropriate for the Board to adopt the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. The draft report (Attachment A) is available for review at the following website: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/environmental-documents. The proposed bridge construction is expected to greatly improve safety without causing significant impacts. Construction of the bridge is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2022, pending receipt of applicable permits and construction funding authorization.

Based on the foregoing considerations, I recommend and request adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and that the Director of Transportation be given authorization and direction to file the applicable Notice of Determination.

A draft Resolution for adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are enclosed.

I will, of course, respond to any questions that the Board may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Transportation

Enclosures
cc: DOT Project File B1302