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Subject: San Gregorio Creek Bridge Project – Notice of Availability of Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment, Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Public Meetings

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has released a Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment (Draft IS/EA), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the San Gregorio Creek Bridge located in San Mateo County, California. Caltrans is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Caltrans is proposing seismic restoration of the San Gregorio Creek Bridge (Bridge Number 35-0030) on State Route (SR) 1 (also known as Cabrillo Highway or Highway 1) in unincorporated San Mateo County from post mile (PM) 17.40 to 18.20, just south of SR 84. Alternatives under consideration include retrofitting the existing bridge or replacing the existing bridge with a new bridge featuring pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The purpose of the project is to address the seismic structural deficiencies of the existing bridge, improve its resistance to seismic events, reduce the bridge's potential for failure, and reduce the potential for errant vehicles running off the bridge, thereby reducing the potential for injuries and property damage.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Draft IS/EA is available for review and to invite you to attend either a virtual public meeting or in-person open house.

- The Draft IS/EA is available for viewing at: http://www.CaltransD4Environmental.com
- A virtual public meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 5:30 7:00
 PM. Visit <u>CaltransD4Environmental.com</u> to view the virtual meeting details.
- An in-person open house will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 6:00 –
 7:30 PM at La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District Office, 360 Butano Cutoff, Pescadero, CA 94060.

Please submit your written comments by Friday, March 7, 2025, to:

California Department of Transportation, District 4
ATTN: Tanvi Gupta, Environmental Scientist
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Comments can also be sent via email to: <u>Tanvi.Gupta@dot.ca.gov</u> or submitted through the interactive web-based platform accessible at: http://www.CaltransD4Environmental.com

A copy of the Draft IS/EA and related technical studies can be requested and made available for review at:

California Department of Transportation, District 4
111 Grand Avenue
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Please contact Tanvi Gupta at the above email address or (510) 421-8378 for more information.

Sincerely,

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