

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

**ABOUT:** Sonoma County Public Works has prepared a document to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project described below. The document, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), found that all potential environmental impacts could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

This notice, provided in accordance with Public Resource Code and CEQA Guidelines, is to announce that the IS/MND is available for review by the public, agencies, and interested parties, and provides instructions for submitting comments on the document.

## **PROJECT**

**PROPONENT:** Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works

**LOCATION:** The project site is located at Freestone Flat Road Bridge over Salmon Creek, in the community of Freestone. The project site is not listed on any lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or hazardous waste disposal sites.

**PROJECT:** The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works proposes to replace the existing two-span, steel-girder truss Freestone Flat Road Bridge over Salmon Creek. The existing bridge would be replaced with a two-lane, cast-in-place prestressed concrete box-girder bridge supported on cast-in-drilled-hole piles at the abutments. The new bridge would be located parallel to and southeast of the existing bridge. The existing bridge would remain in service until the new bridge is complete, then disassembled and removed from the site. Building the bridge on a new alignment requires the construction of new approaches on the east and west sides of the replacement bridge. Existing intersecting roads, including Scott Robin Road and a private driveway, would be modified to meet the new location of Freestone Flat Road as it approaches the bridge.

**MATERIALS:** The IS/MND is available online at [https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Roads/Projects/Freestone-Flat-Road-Bridge-Replacement-\(C11004\)/](https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/TPW/Roads/Projects/Freestone-Flat-Road-Bridge-Replacement-(C11004)/)

Additional information may be requested by contacting the project manager listed below.

## **GETTING**

**INVOLVED:** The 30-day public review period on the IS/MND runs from August 7 to September 8, 2020. To submit comments, please email, mail or fax to Project Manager John Leong at [tpw-bridges@sonoma-county.org](mailto:tpw-bridges@sonoma-county.org); 2300 County Center Drive, Suite B-100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403; or by FAX to (707) 565-2620. Comments on the IS/MND should be submitted by September 8, 2020, at 5:00PM. Comments received after this date will still be included in the public record for consideration by the decision-making body but might not be included in the staff report for more advanced consideration.

## **WHERE &**

**WHEN:** Following the close of the IS/MND public review period, the decision-making body may hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the IS/MND. A hearing date has not yet been scheduled. A hearing notice will be issued at least ten (10) days prior to the confirmed hearing date.

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