



May 6, 2022

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT BOHEMIAN HIGHWAY OVER THE RUSSIAN RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROGRAMMATIC SECTION 4(f) EVALUATION

The County of Sonoma, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to replace the existing Bohemian Highway Bridge over the Russian River (also referred to as the Monte Rio Bridge) in the unincorporated community of Monte Rio, Sonoma County, California. The existing bridge was built in 1934 and has been identified as a seismic risk. In addition, the existing bridge does not meet current design standards and has been identified as functionally obsolete. The County, in coordination with Caltrans, propose to replace the existing bridge with an improved one that would address long-term infrastructure, mobility, safety, community, and public use needs.

In compliance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303), hereinafter referred to as "Section 4(f)," and its implementing regulations codified at 23 CFR Part 774, Caltrans, in cooperation with the County of Sonoma provides public notice of its proposal to make a net benefit finding under Section 4(f) regarding the effects of the proposed Bohemian Highway Bridge over the Russian River Replacement Project, and to provide the opportunity for public review and comment of this proposed determination.

The proposed net benefit finding is based on coordination with the officials with jurisdiction. The officials with jurisdiction are the state and local agencies that own and/or administer the affected portion of the property protected by Section 4(f). The officials with jurisdiction have been notified of Caltrans' intent to make a net benefit finding. Should the officials with jurisdiction concur, Caltrans will issue a finding of net benefit.

Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b)(2), notice is hereby provided of the proposed net benefit finding determination. The Draft 4(f) Programmatic Evaluation and related project documents are available at Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Project documents may also be downloaded at <https://permitsonoma.org/divisions/naturalresources> or <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/transportation-and-public-works/road-projects/projects-in-planning/monte-rio-bridge-replacement>. Documents are also available digitally through the Project Planner, Deborah Waller at Deborah.Waller@sonoma-county.org or 707-565-1713.

Comments regarding the proposed Section 4(f) net benefit findings may be submitted in writing to the County of Sonoma during the 30-day comment period. The comment deadline is **June 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** Written comments may be submitted via email or paper mail:

Email: Deborah.Waller@sonoma-county.org

Paper mail: Deborah Waller, Permit Sonoma, 2550 Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

For comments submitted via email, please include "Draft Bohemian Highway over the Russian River Bridge Replacement Project Section 4(f) Evaluation" in the subject line, and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed project, please contact the project planner listed above.