

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS ON HENDY WOODS STATE PARK

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PROJECT TITLE: Philo-Greenwood Road over Navarro River Bridge (10C-0032) Rehabilitation and Widening Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Philo-Greenwood Road Bridge over the Navarro River in unincorporated Mendocino County approximately 2.7 air miles northwest of the community of Philo.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Mendocino County Department of Transportation (County) is proposing to rehabilitate and widen Bridge No. 10C-0032 on Philo-Greenwood Road over the Navarro River. The County has nominated this bridge for rehabilitation under the federal-aid Highway Bridge Program administered by the Federal Highway Administration through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Local Assistance. In 2010, Caltrans determined that the bridge was structurally deficient and functionally obsolete due to a variety of factors, including a narrow bridge deck (i.e., one-lane bridge) and rotting timbers. The project would widen and rehabilitate the existing bridge and replace the timber approach spans with new concrete approach structures. The bridge would be widened to carry two lanes of traffic to meet the capacity requirements of the roadway and current design code traffic load requirements. Philo-Greenwood Road would remain open to traffic during project construction, including access to the entrance of Hendy Woods State Park. The project's proximity to Hendy Woods State Park would temporarily impact vehicular access to the State Park due to short-term traffic control delays on Philo-Greenwood Road during construction activities. For public safety, access to the Navarro River at the project site would be temporarily closed to the public during construction. The project is expected to be constructed in two stages to allow Philo-Greenwood Road to remain open to traffic during construction. Stage 1 of the project is expected to occur summer 2026 and Stage 2 is expected to occur summer 2027.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: The proposed project is subject to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966, which requires special consideration of publicly owned parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites, when a project will involve the use of or potentially impact these properties. After evaluating the use(s) and associated potential impacts a project may have on a Section 4(f) property, a finding is made under the provisions of 23 Code of Federal Regulations 774.17, Section 4(f). Responsibility for compliance with Section 4(f) has been assigned by the USDOT/Federal Highway administration to Caltrans under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. Section 6009 of SAFETEA-LU establishes the *de minimis* finding process in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) properties when no adverse effects would occur. *De minimis* impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes of a 4(f) property. Section 6009 also requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have a *de minimis* impact. The County has analyzed the effects of project construction and operation on Hendy Woods State Park property, as described above, and has determined that its use would be *de minimis*. Copies of the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Finding are available for review at the Mendocino County Office at the above address and online at: <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/environmental-documents>.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A **30-day** public review period for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Finding will commence on **November 13, 2023**, and end on **December 13, 2023**. Written comments on the Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Finding must be received at the above address within the public review period. All public comments will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the project.