



**COUNTY OF MENDOCINO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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To: Users of County Road 110

**RE: Notice of Public Hearing for Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
& Notice of a Community Meeting to discuss Bridge Replacement Project,
Bridge at Feliz Creek , Bridge #10C0134**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are two items for your consideration, but first a brief background.

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation has been awarded funding by the Highway Bridge Replacement Program (HBRP) to replace the bridge at Feliz Creek on County Road 110.

The existing bridge was built in 1960. The road to the west provides the only entry to a residential and agricultural area, as well as access for fire fighting. The bridge is deteriorated and is now classed as Structurally Deficient (SD) with a Sufficiency Rating (SR) of only 27.7. The mostly wooden bridge has two spans with a combined length of 61 ft. In 2000, the bridge required structural reinforcement by installation of two steel I-beam "strongbacks" placed on the upper road deck, constraining road width to about 12 ft. It is proposed that the bridge will be replaced at an adjacent southerly location with a new conforming structure of steel or concrete (most likely a combination of both). The new bridge would be a two-span (40 foot +/- each) flat slab bridge with one center bent. (The possibility of a 3-span bridge may be considered.) During the construction of the new bridge, the existing bridge will need to remain in place to serve as a detour for traffic. This will result in a new alignment for the approaches for the new bridge. Approaches to the bridge will be realigned both vertically and horizontally, and cross slopes corrected to meet current standards. The approaches will also be lengthened in order to eliminate poor site lines at the intersection of Feliz Creek Road.

Item #1 for Consideration

The Mendocino County Department of Transportation will conduct a public informational meeting at 6:00 PM, on March 24, 2010, at the Veteran's Building, 110 Feliz Creek Road, Hopland, CA 95449 for the purpose of receiving comments from all interested parties about the proposed bridge replacement and approach improvements.

All interested parties, with any comments about the proposed bridge replacement and approach improvements to the County maintained Bridge at Feliz Creek, Bridge #10C0134, may appear and be heard at the time and place specified above. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and comments from the public before the final engineering design is underway. If

you have any questions, please call Park Steiner, Environmental Compliance Specialist, (707) 463-4265. or Larry Alexander, Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering, (707) 463-4510,

Item #2 for Consideration

Please find included in this mailing a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bridge Replacement Project at Feliz Creek, Bridge #10C0134. The Notice of Intent includes information about a Public Hearing before the County Board of Supervisors at 9:30 AM, on June 15, 2010. The Notice of Intent includes information about the public hearing on this project, how to provide comments to the Board of Supervisors, and where to get more information about the project. Please note that the documents posted to the internet will be available after April 5, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (707) 463-4510, or by email at alexandl@co.mendocino.ca.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Alexander
Deputy Director of Transportation, Engineering

Enclosures

cc: Project File