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October 11, 2022

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: **Consideration and Adoption of the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bridge Road Bridge Rehabilitation, County Bridge No. 442, Project No. 50562; Approve the Project; Supervisorial District No. 1.**

Recommendations:

1. Certify that:
 - (a) Your Board has reviewed and considered the Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Bridge Road Bridge Rehabilitation, County Bridge No. 442 (Project), Exhibit 1, together with comments received during the public review process.
 - (b) The IS/MND has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and the County of Ventura Administrative Supplement to the State CEQA Guidelines.
 - (c) The IS/MND reflects your Board's independent judgement and analysis.
2. Find on the basis of the whole record (including the IS/MND and comments received) that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Adopt the IS/MND including the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program set forth therein.
4. Approve the project.
5. Designate the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, as the custodian and location of the record of proceedings on which the decision is based.
6. Direct the Director of Roads & Transportation to sign the Notice of Determination and file it with the County Clerk and Recorder and the State Office of Planning and Research within five days of your Board's action.



Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

There is no additional fiscal impact associated with this item.

Discussion:

The Bridge Road Bridge Rehabilitation project is located on Bridge Road adjacent to SR-150 and approximately two miles north of the city of Santa Paula. The bridge was constructed in 1911 and later moved to its present location in 1942 serving as the only access route to approximately 12 properties.

A Bridge Inspection Report in 2018 identified erosion issues within the stream channel that are undermining the west bridge abutment. The report also noted minor bridge defects that require corrections. Roads & Transportation proposes to perform minor rehabilitation of the bridge deck that includes replacing washers, nuts and bolts on several bridge floor beams and installing wooden ties on each end of the bridge to limit vehicles on the bridge to the existing single lane. The scour mitigation of the westerly bridge abutment includes the installation of a cantilever secant pile wall to the existing slope protection to provide stability to the existing bridge abutment.

This project is funded by the Federal Highway Administration under the Highway Bridge Program and administered by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The proposed project activities are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and have been designated by Caltrans as a Categorical Exclusion with Technical Studies. We anticipate receiving NEPA clearance by December of 2022.

A draft IS/MND was prepared pursuant to CEQA, Public Resource Code §21000, the State Guidelines, 14 CCR §15000 et seq., and the County of Ventura Administrative Supplement to State CEQA Guidelines. A public review period was established from June 20, 2022, to July 20, 2022. The Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Ventura Star on June 19, 2022 and posted on the County's website along with the Draft IS/MND on June 20, 2022. The NOI was mailed out to property owners within a 500-foot radius of the project site on June 17, 2022. The draft IS/MND, Notice of Availability and the NOI was posted with the State Clearinghouse on June 20, 2022. Roads & Transportation received one comment letter during the public comment period and one comment letter after the comment period. Copies of the comment letters and responses are included in Exhibit 3 – Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Notice of Determination will be filed after your Board's approval.

Implementation of the Avoidance and Mitigation Measures as identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program set forth in the IS/MND ensure that the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel.



If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact the undersigned (805) 654-2077.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Kurgan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHRISTOPHER KURGAN
Director
Roads & Transportation

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Vicinity Map

Exhibit 2 – Location Map

Exhibit 3 - Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

