



Sonoma County Landmarks Commission STAFF REPORT

FILE: DTPW – Bridge No. 20C0406
DATE: June 7, 2022
TIME: TBD
STAFF: Robert Aguero (PRMD), Chet Jamgochian (DTPW)

SUMMARY

Applicant: Department of Transportation and Public Works
Owner: County of Sonoma
Location: River Road over Gill Creek, near community of Geyserville
APNs: NA, County Right of Way (ROW)
Supervisorial District No.: 4
Subject: Proposed Construction of New Bridge
PROPOSAL: Construct a new bridge downstream of existing bridge and remove existing bridge.
Environmental Determination: MND
General Plan: NA, County ROW
Zoning: NA, County ROW, no HD zoning of bridge

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Landmarks Commission provide comments on the proposed project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed project is subject to Landmarks Commission review under "Procedure for Landmarks Commission Review of Proposed Work on Historic Bridges" (Resolution Number 98-0046), as the existing bridge is at least 50 years old, but it is not one of 13 County designated historic landmarks, with the associated HD Zoning. The Commission's role is to make a recommendation to the DTPW on the removal of the bridge.



ANALYSIS

Project Description:

The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works propose to replace the existing River Road bridge over Gill Creek in the community of Geyserville, in northeastern Sonoma County. The existing bridge was constructed in 1962 and is not designated locally as a County Landmark. The bridge has been found by Caltrans to be ineligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The new bridge will be constructed along the current alignment of the existing bridge while a temporary detour for traffic will be open during construction. The replacement bridge will meet all current design standards while including improvements to roadway approaches, drainage facilities, and appurtenant facilities. The project will upgrade the bridge barriers to current standards and add shoulders to improve operational characteristics for motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Issue #1: Applicability of CEQA

The proposed project is subject to CEQA. The Landmarks Commission and the general public will have the opportunity to comment on the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project as part of the CEQA public review process at a later time.

ALTERNATIVES

The attached Initial Study includes, which discussion of mitigation measures that would reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level. Alternatives were considered in the design of the bridge outlined in a type selection report prepared for TPW, with the current design being chosen as the best option.
