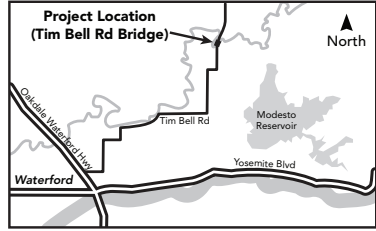


NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE TIM BELL ROAD OVER DRY CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Stanislaus County Department of Public Works (Public Works), the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is issuing this Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Tim Bell Road over Dry Creek Bridge Replacement Project. Public Works is issuing this NOA to solicit public and agency input into the content of the Draft EIR.



COMMENT REVIEW PERIOD: March 5 to April 19, 2021

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project is located along Tim Bell Road approximately 0.8 mile south of the intersection with Claribel Road and approximately five miles northeast of the community of Waterford in eastern Stanislaus County. The existing bridge was built in 1925 and is deteriorating to the point that maintaining the structure is no longer cost effective. The County proposes to replace the Tim Bell Road Bridge No. 38C-0073 over Dry Creek and construct the necessary approach roadway improvements to accommodate the new bridge. The proposed Project will address existing deficiencies to meet current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design guidelines and Stanislaus County standards. A detailed project description is included in Chapter 2 of the EIR. This Project is identified in the County Capital Improvement Program as Project # 2011.009.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Stanislaus County has prepared an EIR, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, for the above-described project. The purpose of the EIR process is to assess the potential environmental effects of the proposed project on the physical, human and natural environment. The project is not listed on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List as set forth in Government Code Section 65962.5. The EIR identifies potential significant impacts in the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental issue areas: aesthetics, agriculture, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology, and noise. As described in the EIR all of these impacts can be fully mitigated except for one that cannot and would remain significant and unavoidable. The demolition of a historic structure cannot be mitigated to less than significant. Even with the implementation of measures CULT-1, CULT-2, and CULT-3 this is a significant unavoidable impact.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Responsible and Trustee Agencies, involved Federal Agencies, interest groups and members of the public are invited to learn more, and provide valuable input on the content of the Draft EIR. For your convenience, and to allow participation in a safe environment while social distancing, a public meeting will be held through an interactive online webinar. Please join us to learn more, interact with project team members, ask questions, and submit formal comments.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Webex: bit.ly/TimBellMeeting

Webex Password: TBR2021

Dial-in: 408-418-9388

Dial-in Code: 187 810 0714

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Comments and input on the EIR are invited from all interested parties for a period of 45 days from March 5 to April 19, 2021. The EIR is available for review at the Public Works Office at the physical address below and on the County's website stancounty.com/publicworks/projects.shtm. Comments must be post marked by 5 p.m. on April 19, 2021, to be considered by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and included in the final CEQA document certification. Please send written comments to: **Stanislaus County Dept. of Public Works, Attn: Denis Bazyuk, P.E., 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358** or e-mail to bazyukd@stancounty.com. This matter has been tentatively set for Board of Supervisors consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting in May 2021.

CONTACT / SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

For more information about this project or for special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.), contact tammy.teurn@hdrinc.com or (916) 679-8868. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) users may contact the California Relay Service TDD at (800) 735-2922 or 711.

