

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of a Draft Initial Study and Intent to Adopt Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration Railroad Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Date: July 12, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Held virtually via Zoom. * For details,
please visit the project website:

<https://rcprojects.org/railroadbridges>

*The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom and will be accessible via computer or other devices with internet connection. A current version of Zoom is recommended to access the virtual meeting.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside Transportation Department (County) proposes to replace two existing, structurally deficient timber bridges over Fornat Wash and East Channel Stubbe Wash along Railroad Avenue.

The new bridges would be in the same location and would replace the existing timber bridges with new modern concrete bridges. The bridges are being replaced so that the roadway can meet current vehicle load and safety standards. Construction is anticipated to take six months per bridge. During construction, a Traffic Management Plan would be prepared to address closures of the road.

WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The County, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has studied the proposed project and concluded that it would not significantly affect the environment. The report detailing this finding is called an Initial Study. This notice serves to advertise the availability of the Draft Initial Study and your opportunity to read and comment on it, as well as the opportunity to attend the public meeting as advertised in this notice. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors will consider approval of the project and adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project after July 27, 2023.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Initial Study with Proposed MND for the proposed project will be available beginning June 28, 2023. This document will be available for 30 days from June 28, 2023 until July 27, 2023. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501
- Cabazon Public Library, 50425 Carmen Ave, Cabazon, CA 92230 (During normal library hours)
- <https://rcprojects.org/railroadbridges>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your comments on the Initial Study in writing or by email no later than July 27, 2023, to Frances Segovia, Riverside County Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Comments will be accepted beginning June 28, 2023. Based on study findings, the County has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because potential effects would be mitigated to a less than significant level with incorporation of mitigation measures. Potentially significant impacts for which mitigation measures were incorporated include Biological Resources. Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines, it has been determined that the project footprint is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to hazardous waste. Your written comments will be considered in the decision on the project and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors before action is taken on the project. Notice of said decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review is complete.

CONTACT

For more information about this project or to receive a copy of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Frances Segovia, Senior Transportation Planner, Riverside County Transportation Department, at (951) 955-1646 or by email at fsegovia@rivco.org. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services at no cost, to participate in the meeting by contacting the individual noted above at least three (3) business days before the scheduled event. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.

