

Appendix B2

Agency Scoping

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To: [Netra Khatri](#); [David Loya](#)
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Subject: Agency Scoping Meeting: EIR for Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian and Bikeways Improvements Project
Date: Wednesday, June 09, 2021 3:31:00 PM
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Hello,

This email is to notify your agency of the City of Arcata's planned scoping meeting for the Old Arcata Road Improvements Project on Tuesday, June 22nd from 2:30-3:30 PM. We will meet onsite at the City pump station located adjacent to the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road to discuss the project and its potential implications for your agency (see attached location map). I have also attached the project NOP to this email. **If you are unable to make the site visit but would like to submit comment to the City, please submit written comments to me for inclusion in the administrative record.**

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and circulated by the City of Arcata Community Development Department as Lead Agency and is available on the City's website at <https://www.cityofarcata.org/720/Old-Arcata-Road-Design-Project>.

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Agency Comments Received to Date

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(County of Humboldt, Blue Lake Rancheria, and Jacoby Creek School) which are attached in the NOP. The project will require ongoing coordination with all partner agencies.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns and we hope to see you soon.

Delo Freitas | Senior Planner
City of Arcata Community Development Department
Planning | Housing | Economic Development
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Notice of Preparation

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To: Office of Planning and Research
(via CEQA Submit)

(Address)

From: City of Arcata

736 F Street

Arcata CA 95521

(Address)

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The City of Arcata

_____ will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (☐ is ☒ is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to David Loya at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project

Project Applicant, if any: City of Arcata

Date May 14, 2021

Signature

Title

Telephone (707) 822-5955

Community Development Director

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

OLD ARCATA ROAD REHABILITATION AND PEDESTRIAN/BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (SCH #2021010176)

Site Description

The proposed project will rehabilitate portion of Old Arcata Road, an existing roadway in the City of Arcata, California. The rehabilitation activities will take place from the west side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 600 feet south of the Buttermilk Road Roundabout and extending south to approximately 300 feet south and west of the Jacoby Creek Road intersection. A portion of the affected roadway east of the Bayside cutoff is outside of City limits and lies within Humboldt County jurisdiction. The roadway has no assigned APN or address, and is unzoned. A portion of the proposed Project is located within the Coastal Zone (City and County jurisdiction). Although not located in the appeal jurisdiction, the project is appealable to the Coastal Commission as a “major public works project”.

Project Summary

The City of Arcata (City) proposes to complete improvements to an existing roadway in Bayside, California. The project will be undertaken in partnership with Caltrans District 1 Staff. The project would repave Old Arcata Road, enhance bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway alignment, improve and extend an existing shared use walkway along the west side of Old Arcata Road from approximately 600 feet south of the Buttermilk Road Roundabout and extending south to approximately 300 feet beyond the Jacoby Creek Road intersection. Sidewalks and cross walks throughout the project corridor would also be improved, including a new sidewalk on Hyland Street. The project includes a new roundabout at the intersection of Old Arcata Road and Jacoby Creek Road. The total project length is approximately one mile. The proposed project addresses public safety needs, including improving motorized and non-motorized transportation and user safety. See the Initial Study for full project description. The Initial Study, Response to Comments, and errata as well as detailed alternative analyses and other project-related documents are available at <http://www.cityofarcata.org/720/Old-Arcata-Road-Design-Project>.

Summary of studies completed to date

No.	Studies and Documents	Document Date	Status
1	Preliminary Environmental Study	12/19/2018	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
2	Area of Potential Effect Map	1/29/2020	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
3	Special Status and ESHA Mapping	1/25/2019	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
4	Wetland Delineation	1/25/2019	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
5	Natural Environmental Study	3/13/2020	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
6	Initial Site Assessment	9/30/2019	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
7	Visual Resources Technical Memorandum	3/13/2020	Reviewed and Approved by City and Caltrans
8	Archeological Survey Report/Historic Property Survey Report	5/11/2021	Submitted to Caltrans for Review
10	Geotechnical Study	3/22/2019	95% Complete
11	Preliminary design	8/9/2019	35% complete

Environmental Review to Date

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Additional Required Agency Approvals

Additional review and compliance determinations will be required for this project, including:

- North Coast Regional Water Board Clean Water Act (NCRWQCB) Section 401 certification
- US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Clean Water Act Section 404 permit
- Humboldt County Coastal Development Permit, Grading Permit, and Encroachment Permit
- National Environmental Policy Act compliance, to be completed by Caltrans District 1 staff

From: Bronkall, Bob <BBronkall@co.humboldt.ca.us>

Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 2:52 PM

To: Netra Khatri <nkhatri@cityofarcata.org>

Subject: FW: IS/MND for Old Arcata Rd.

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Netra-

As you begin to finalize your response to comments, it would be a good idea to circle back to Humco PW to confirm that what you are ultimately proposing can be issued an Encroachment Permit. That way you are ensured that the project that you present to the City Council for approval is something that has 100% support of PW and can be permitted.

We continue support the City's project and based upon our review and comments on earlier draft documents we didn't see anything that couldn't be resolved. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

--Bob

Yes Delo is there any updates on the MOU for this project. Please us know if there is any updates.

“Be the change that you wish to see in the world.”
– Mahatma Gandhi

Hou', Rra'dutwas (thank you, respectfully)

Gouts goutsu we'n(good Day)

Ted Hernandez

Wiyot Chairman/Cultural Director



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From: Janet Eidsness <jpeidsness@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 4:58 PM

To: Delo Freitas <dfreitas@cityofarcata.org>

Cc: Darrell Cardiff <darrell.cardiff@dot.ca.gov>; Mark Arsenault <mark.arsenault@dot.ca.gov>; Erika Cooper <erikacooper@brb-nsn.gov>; Ted Hernandez <ted@wiyot.us>; Hazel James <hazel@wiyot.us>; Jacob Pounds <jpounds@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov>

Subject: Request for Comments, CDP for Old Arcata Road Rehab and Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements Project

Hello Delo,

I am responding to your 4/19/21 email seeking comments on the subject CDP. As you know, the Wiyot area tribes have been consulted by the City and by Caltrans. I have no further comments at this time. My last entry for this work was on Feb. 19, 2021, when we had a Zoom conf call to discuss the MND's Mitigation Measure 1, develop a MOU.

Any updates?

2.19 Zoom call to discuss MND Mit Measure 1, develop MOU with Tribes re: monitoring, pre-constr guided excav, inadvert discov; Pac Leg will develop bulleted points in MOU format to be consistent with Sec 106

JANET P. EIDSNESS, M.A. Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)
for Blue Lake Rancheria 


From: Tim Parisi <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Netra Khatri <nkhatri@cityofarcata.org>
Cc: Melanie Nannizzi [REDACTED]
Subject: Old Arcata Road Improvements MND Initial Study

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Dear Netra,

I hope this finds you well.

I have reviewed the Old Arcata Road Rehabilitation & Pedestrian/Bikeway Improvements, Public Circulation Draft, Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, SCH # 2021010176.

I noticed that the left hand turn lane at Hyland St. into the north end of the Jacoby Creek School parking is described as, "may" be in the project. Can you offer an explanation of what this, "may" means in terms of the likelihood that this turn lane may or may not be included in the project?

I did not find any mention of the following item, which you and I have discussed in the past, in the document:

1. Parallel parking spaces along Old Arcata Road north of Jacoby Creek School.

Since the document is 91 pages long and the appendices increase its length to 280 pages long, it is possible that I missed this item. Please advise me regarding the status of this item at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

Timothy Parisi
Consultant
Jacoby Creek School District [REDACTED]

Cc: Melanie Nannizzi

From: [O'connell, Gregory@Wildlife](mailto:O'connell,Gregory@Wildlife)
To: [Delo Freitas](#)
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Hi **Delo**. Please add me to emails lists for future notices like these.

David, I won't be able to make the scoping meeting and may not get an NOP comment letter in on time. My main suggestion would be to mitigate for wetland impacts in a location that would provide better habitat connectivity. I recall the MND had wetland mitigation going in a road median strip or similar situation. Please give me a call if you have time to briefly discuss.

Thanks,

Greg O'Connell
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You getting these?

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