

PUBLIC NOTICE

MARSH CREEK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS #143 AND #145 PROJECT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMUS FINDING FOR IMPACTS TO MARSH CREEK STATE HISTORIC PARK AREA

PROJECT PLANS

The Contra Costa County Public Works Department (County) is preparing plans to construct the Marsh Creek Road Bridge Replacements Project. The project consists of the replacement of two structurally deficient existing bridges (#143 and #145) on Marsh Creek Road, southeast of Clayton. The purpose of the Project is to bring the bridges up to current design standards. The capacity of the bridge would not be increased.

MARH CREEK STATE HISTORIC PARK AREA

In order to construct the required improvements at the Marsh Creek Road Bridge #145 site, the County will need to acquire permanent land rights at the parcel APN 007-380-011, the Marsh Creek State Park. Right-of-way take is an estimated 21,315 square feet (0.489 acres) of Marsh Creek State Park (2,451.1 acre parcel) along the north side of Marsh Creek Road. The area required for the proposed right-of-way will not displace any current park facilities (trails, campsites, historic sites), and it amounts to less than 0.02 percent of the parcel and is located over a mile from the main area of the park near a southern gate.

WHY THIS NOTICE

This Project is an action subject to the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966. Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect the use of publicly owned public parklands, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts by U.S Department of Transportation actions. After an evaluation of the impacts of an action upon Section 4(f) resources, a finding must be made. Caltrans is responsible for Section 4(f) findings. Legislation* allows determination that certain uses of 4(f) land would have no adverse effect – *de minimus* – on the protected resource. The legislation requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects determined to have a *de minimus* impact.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE

Copies of the DRAFT Section 4(f) *de minimus* finding are available for review at:
Contra Costa County Public Works
255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are requested on the proposed *de minimus* finding. Public comments will be accepted 30 days from the date of this public notice. The public notice period is: **September 25, 2019 to October 24, 2019.**

Please mail or email comments to Laura Cremin or Tom Holstein at:

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Individuals who require documents in alternative formats or translated are asked to contact Contra Costa Public Works: 925-313-2000

*The U.S Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration assigned Section 4(f) responsibility to Caltrans under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. Section 6009 of SAFETEA-LU allows for *de minimus* findings.