



CITY OF ARROYO GRANDE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Arroyo Grande (City) proposes to replace the existing Arroyo Grande Creek Bridge 49C-0380 at Traffic Way (Traffic Way bridge). Traffic Way follows a north–south corridor approximately 0.1 mile east of U.S. Highway (US) 101 in the city of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, California. Traffic Way bridge provides vehicular access over Arroyo Grande Creek, which runs through the city of Arroyo Grande parallel to State Route (SR) 227. The surrounding land is generally level and is primarily comprised of an urbanized business district. The existing bridge is hydraulically inadequate as it is subject to creek bed degradation and prone to scour issues. The existing piers and abutments have experienced scour issues for the past several years, making this bridge “scour critical” and in need of replacement. The changes in the creek have exposed the embedment of the supporting piles and the risk level for further damage to the bridge is high.

The project goals include the following:

1. Replace the scour critical bridge.
2. Accommodate a consistent 35 miles per hour (mph) posted speed corridor.
3. Minimize impacts to nearby businesses during construction.
4. Stay within the existing City right-of-way (ROW).

The purpose of the project is to replace the scour critical bridge, improve public safety, stabilize Arroyo Grande Creek, and reduce future maintenance costs. If the bridge is not replaced, the condition will continue to deteriorate and eventually bridge closure will be required.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project site is in the city of Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo County, California (Figure 1). The project site encompasses the existing Traffic Way bridge, which is located in the central portion of the city of Arroyo Grande, approximately 0.1 mile (580 feet) east of US 101 and 0.05 mile (250 feet) south of SR 227. Temporary construction access would require the use of existing unnamed, unpaved agricultural access roads located to the west of US 101, crossing under the existing US 101 bridge, and continuing east of US 101 through an open field that is part of an urban development associated with the Village Creek Plaza. The open field would be used for construction equipment storage and construction access to the project site (Figure 2). Traffic Way is oriented southeast to northwest at the project site and is one of only a few ways to cross Arroyo Grande Creek that runs east to west and divides the city.



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Project Location Map

APPLICANT: City of Arroyo Grande
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COMMENT PERIOD: **June 20, 2022 – July 20, 2022**
Comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be either:
(1) mailed or otherwise delivered to the Community Development
Department, 300 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420; (2)
provided in person at a public hearing. **Planning Commission public
hearing tentatively scheduled for August 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM.**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at
City Hall, located at 300 East Branch Street, Arroyo Grande, CA or on the
City's website: www.arroyogrande.org. If you have any questions,
please contact the Community Development Department at (805) 473-
5420.