



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT SECTION 4(F) DE MINIMIS FINDING FOR IMPACTS TO GLENN COUNTY ORD BEND PARK

What is being Planned

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Butte County in conjunction with Glenn County propose seismic retrofit to remedy seismic deficiency of the Ord Ferry Bridge spanning the Sacramento River in Glenn and Butte Counties adjacent to Glenn County Ord Bend Park. The proposed seismic retrofit will require construction of a temporary trestle on the westerly shore of the Sacramento River out to the two westerly in-water piers (see attached figure) in order to perform the retrofit work on these structures. This trestle would be erected for a limited three month period, June 1 – August 30 of the first construction season.

The trestle structure will restrict the ingress/egress from the Ord Bend Park boat ramp facility. Sounding data that describe the topographic layout of the channel bottom in this area indicate shallow water levels of less than four feet of water depth. The Glenn County Sheriff's representative in conjunction with Glenn County staff with park jurisdiction have determined that maintaining public boat ramp access from the park while the trestle is erected during this three month period would potentially pose a public safety hazard. Emergency access for Glenn County Sheriff staff will be maintained.

Why This Public Notice?

The proposed project is an action that is subject to the U. S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49. U.S.C 303) and 23 U.S.C. 138 [PL 110-17], [PL 97-449], [PL 86-670]). Section 4(f) of this legislation seeks to protect publicly owned public parklands, recreation areas, waterfowl and wildlife refuges, and significant historic sites from impacts - the "use" of these resources – 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. The responsibility for Section 4(f) findings has been assigned by the U. S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway administration to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for User (SAFETEA-LU) Act of 2005. Section 6009 of SAFETEA-LU allows determinations that certain uses of 4(f) land will have no adverse effect – de minimis – on the protected resource. Section 6009(a) requires that a public notice and opportunity for review and comment be provided for projects that are determined to have a de minimis impact.

What's Available for Review?

Copies of the proposed project plans are available for review at the following websites: Glenn County Public Works at gcppwa.net and Butte County at buttecounty.net. Public comments on the 4(f) de minimis finding will be accepted until January 20, 2011. Responses or replies to the public comments may not be required, depending on the substantive nature of the comments; however, all comments and responses will be considered and documented in the administrative record for the proposed project.

For more information about the project, please contact Randy Murphy, Deputy Director, Operations & Maintenance, Glenn County Planning and Public Works at (530) 934-6541 or Cara Lambirth, Caltrans Environmental Coordinator, at (530) 741- 4109.