

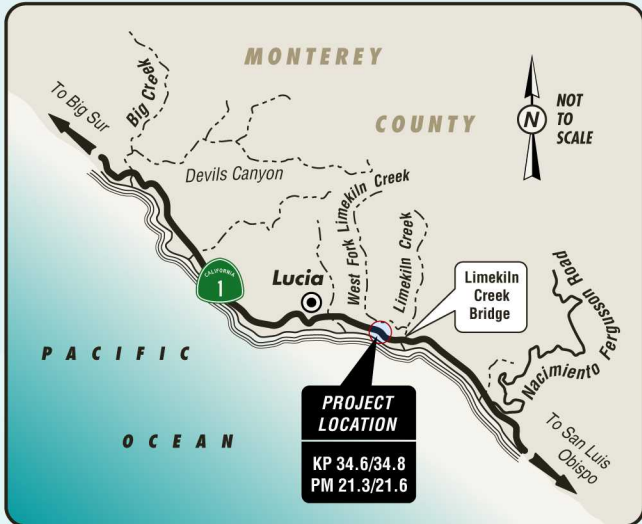
PITKINS CURVE : RAIN ROCKS



Highway Improvement Project



A new bridge and rock shed on the Big Sur Coast?



Caltrans needs to hear from you about a proposal to improve the long-term safety and reliability of Highway 1 along the southern Big Sur Coast.

Located mid-way between Carmel-by-the-Sea and Cambria (approximately 50 miles in each direction) and just north of Limekiln State Beach, the Pitkins Curve / Rain Rocks area has a history of landslides and falling rock that is costly to maintain, interrupts highway travel and puts highway workers at increased risk.

In response to this serious problem, Caltrans is proposing to construct a new bridge and a rock shed. A rock shed is a concrete shed-like structure above the roadway that protects travelers from falling rock.

These new structures would have the potential to affect the Big Sur community in terms of visual appearance, traffic delays during construction, and in other ways. A Draft Environmental Impact Report

(DEIR) has been prepared that specifically addresses these potential affects. Two alternatives and a "do nothing" option are evaluated in the DEIR.

We need to hear your opinion regarding the project and what you think about the proposed solutions.

Find out more...

The DEIR is available for review and comment.

You can review a copy of the DEIR at the following locations:

- Caltrans district office, 50 Higuera St. San Luis Obispo
- Big Sur Library, Highway 1, Big Sur
- Monterey City Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey
- San Luis Obispo Library, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo
- Online at
- http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/pitkins_deir

You can request a copy of the DEIR:

- Call: (805) 549-3118
- Write: Caltrans, Attn: Wendy Waldron, 50 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- Email: wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov

Tell Caltrans what you think!

Your comments—due April 7, 2006—are important for Caltrans to make the best decision about which alternative will be approved for design and construction.

- Send comments to: Caltrans, Attn: Wendy Waldron, 50 Higuera St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
- Submit comments by email: wendy_waldron@dot.ca.gov.
- A court reporter will be available at the public hearings to take your verbal comments

Public hearings are planned

- **Tuesday, March 21**
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.
Big Sur Lodge Conference Room, 47252 Highway 1, Big Sur
- **Wednesday, March 22**
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.
Cambria Veteran's Hall, 1000 Main Street, Cambria



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