

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:
[X] Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:
Public Agency: California Dept of Transportation
Address: 1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501
Contact: Sandra Rosas
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[] County Clerk
County of:
Address:

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2008082128

Project Title: 197/199 Safe STAA Access Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location (include county): SR 197 and US 199 in Del Norte County

Project Description:

The proposed project is located in Del Norte County on SR 197 and US 199, east of US 101. It combines four previously identified, separately proposed projects that individually were intended to correct road features that currently result in offtracking by large vehicles, including STAA trucks that are allowed on the SR 197/US 199 route transporting household goods. The primary purpose of the proposed project is to improve spot locations on SR 197 and US 199 in Del Norte County to allow reclassification of the SR 197-US 199 corridor as part of the STAA network of truck routes.

This is to advise that the California Department of Transportation has approved the above [X] Lead Agency or [] Responsible Agency

described project on 4/9/2013 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
[] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [] were [X] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: 1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Signature (Public Agency): Title: SR Env. Planner

Date: 4/10/13 Date Received for filing at OPR: RECEIVED

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

FOR

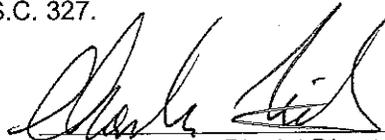
(197/199 Safe STAA Access Project)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has determined that the Ruby 2: Two-foot Shoulders in Spot Locations, Patrick Creek Location 2: Downstream Bridge Replacement, and Washington Curve: Cut-slope Alternatives as well as the build alternatives for the other locations will have no significant impact on the human environment. This FONSI is based on the attached EA which has been independently evaluated by Caltrans and determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project and appropriate mitigation measures. It provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an EIS is not required. Caltrans takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope, and content of the attached EA (and other documents as appropriate).

The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried-out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.

April 10, 2013

Date



Caltrans District Director

FONSI NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

TO: State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA, 95814

Date: 4/10/2013

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FROM: California Department of
Transportation
District 01
1656 Union Street
Eureka, CA 95501

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of Finding of No Significant Impact
(Pursuant to: U. S. D. O. T. Order 5610. 1C, Paragraph 5. b)

SCH #: 2008082128

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Transportation (Department) is proposing to construct improvements at spot locations on State Route (SR) 197 and U.S. Route (US) 199 in Del Norte County to reclassify the routes as part of the Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA) truck route network and comply with federal and state legislation and regional programs. By making specific improvements to facilitate STAA truck access, the prohibition for STAA vehicles would be removed; the SR 197/US 199 route would be consistent with federal and state legislation and regional programs, plans, and policies; and the safety and operation of US 199 and SR 197 would be enhanced. The proposed project consists of four identified and separate projects. These projects are referred to as Ruby 1, Ruby 2, Patrick Creek Narrows, and Washington Curve/Narrows.

This is to advise you that a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been made for this project by the California Department of Transportation as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. A copy of the FONSI and the attached Environmental Assessment can be obtained from the California Department of Transportation office located at the above address.