

Albion River Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement Project

FACT SHEET

The Project

Caltrans is currently evaluating rehabilitation and replacement alternatives for the Albion River Bridge on Route 1 in Mendocino County. The current trestle bridge, built in 1944, was constructed mainly from wood timbers with a steel truss over the river channel. The bridge is narrow and does not meet current standards for shoulders and guardrails. Route 1 is legislatively designated as the "Pacific Coast Bike Route". The Route Concept Report for the route identifies a need to provide shoulder widening improvements to accommodate non-motorized traffic within the project area. Maintenance costs are high. Due to the harsh coastal environment, about half the bolts in the wood trestle must be replaced each year due to corrosion. In addition, the steel truss must be repainted and the bridge deck must be repaired on a regular basis.

Status

Caltrans has begun environmental studies to determine the environmental impacts from the rehabilitation and replacement alternatives. The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Draft Environmental Document is scheduled for circulation in August 2015.

Costs

An Advance Planning Study Pricing Update (May 2013) estimated the costs for the proposed bridge replacement alternatives to range from \$29M to \$44M. The estimated roadway cost for replacement alternatives is \$13M. A Feasibility Planning Study (May 2013) for rehabilitating the existing structure and upgrading the rail has an estimated cost of \$5.7M. Rehabilitating the existing structure for use as a pedestrian bridge has an estimated cost of \$5.3M. The estimated cost to rehabilitate, widen, and upgrade rail for the existing structure is \$20M plus annual maintenance costs of \$150K.

Proposed Schedule

Review Draft Environmental Document	Summer 2015
Begin Construction:	Summer 2018
Project Completion:	Fall 2020

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