



PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A SECTION 4(f) *DE MINIMIS* DETERMINATION FOR THE SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BRLS-5927(099)

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What Is Being Planned

The Marin County Department of Public Works (Public Works) proposes to replace the existing Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Bridge (Bridge No. 27C0104, at milepost 24.65) over Olema Creek with a new single-span, cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete slab bridge approximately 77 feet in length and accommodating two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, 8-foot-wide shoulders in each direction, and new bridge barriers, resulting in an approximate bridge width of 44 feet for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project BRLS-5927 (099) (Project). The Project will result in a permanent incorporation of 0.05 acres and temporary occupancy of 0.63 acres of Point Reyes National Seashore parcel.

Why This Public Notice

This public notice is to inform you of Public Works intent to adopt a U.S. Department of Transportation Act Section 4(f) *De Minimis* finding and of its availability for you to review and provide comments.

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 seeks to protect publicly owned parks and recreation areas, wildlife refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Provisions to carry out this evaluation are recorded in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 774.17, Section 4(f). As part of the Safe, Accountable and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA_LU ACT) of 2005, the legislature established the *de minimis* finding process, in which determinations are made regarding 4(f) resources when no adverse effects would occur. *De minimis* impacts are defined as those that do not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes for which the property qualifies as a 4(f) resource.

Public Works has determined that the Project would require a right of way acquisition of 0.05 acres along with a temporary easement of 0.63 acres of Point Reyes National Seashore parcel, a Section 4(f) property. The permanent acquisition is located in an area of the Point Reyes National Seashore parcel east of Olema Creek in which there are no trails or other recreation use, and the 0.05 acres consists of a narrow strip of land adjacent to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. The narrow strip of land does not feature any uses for recreational users, and it is adjacent to the existing Sir Francis Drake Bridge and has limited habitat value due to the adjacent roadway. The 0.63 acres of temporary easements, which includes the temporary usage of the Olema Marsh Trail's trailhead, are for the purposes of construction access to the creek and to provide storage and staging areas for equipment and materials. Continuous pedestrian access to the Olema Marsh Trail's trailhead would be maintained throughout the entirety of the construction period. All temporarily disturbed areas would be fully restored to pre-project conditions once temporary impacts are complete.

Public Works has analyzed the use that the Project would have on these Section 4(f) properties and has determined that the Project and construction-related activities on the Point Reyes National Seashore parcel to have a *de minimis* use on these Section 4(f) properties.

What Is Available For Review?

The Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Determination is available to download at <https://publicworks.marincounty.org/sir-francis-drake-boulevard-bridge/>

Where You Come In?

Comments concerning the use of the Section 4(f) properties are welcomed during the 30-day public comment period from April 18, 2023 to May 17, 2023. Please send comments to:

Marin County Public Works, Engineering Division
Attn: Jason Wong, Senior Civil Engineer
P.O. Box 4186
San Rafael, CA 94913-4186
Or Jwong@marincounty.org

Contact

For more information about the determination of a de minimis determination or if you have comments, questions, or concerns regarding the Project, please contact Jason Wong, Senior Civil Engineer, at Jwong@marincounty.org.