



# San Bernardino County

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**FROM:** San Bernardino County Department of Public Works  
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**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

**DATE:** November 3, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) and Draft Section 4(f) Individual Analysis for the National Trails Highway at 10 Bridges Project

**Project Title:** National Trails Highway 10 Bridges Project (Project)

**Project Number:** H14853 et al

**Project Applicant:** San Bernardino County, Department of Public Works

**What's Being Planned:** The County of San Bernardino ("County"), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to replace 10 bridges on the National Trails Highway (NTH), also known as U.S. Route 66. A summary of the existing 10 bridges is provided in the below table.

All ten existing bridges are classified 'Structurally Deficient' and have sufficiency ratings from 22.2 to 61.2. All but Bristol Ditch has a sufficiency rating below 50.

The existing bridges are proposed to be replaced with reinforced concrete bridges. The existing soil is sandy and susceptible to scour, so pile extensions would be utilized at the piers and the abutment foundation would be supported on piles. The bridge barrier would be either steel California ST-75 Bridge Rail or Concrete Barrier Type 85, painted white, which are both Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) approved, and which best match the original railing. The

bridge lengths would match the existing lengths, if possible, but would be lengthened as needed to convey the storm flows. The width of each replacement bridge would be 34 feet to accommodate two 11-foot lanes, two 4-foot shoulders, and the two 2-foot railings. The vertical profile of the bridges will remain close to the existing profile except for those bridges locations in which it is determined that additional vertical clearance is required to provide sufficient water conveyance beneath the bridge. It is anticipated that any such necessary changes in vertical profiles would be 2 feet or less, with the elevation gradually conforming to the existing roadway elevations.

A temporary, parallel road realignment, also referred to as a “shoo-fly detour”, would be constructed at each bridge location to accommodate through-traffic during construction. Construction of each bridge replacement is expected to be completed in one season, limiting the time the shoo-fly detour would be in place to one season as well.

**Why this Public Notice:** The County is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Caltrans is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The County and Caltrans have studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. These studies have indicated that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment under CEQA. The report that explains why the Project may have significant effect is called an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA). This notice is to inform you of the preparation of the Draft EIR/EA (SCH# 2021040231) and of its availability for public review and comment.

**What’s Available:** The draft EIR/EA, including maps and other Project information, can be viewed on the County of San Bernardino website at: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/#notices> If unavailable on the website, you may obtain the document in electronic format by telephoning the Department of Public Works at (909) 387-8109, or by emailing the Supervising Planner at [Nancy.Sansonetti@dpw.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Nancy.Sansonetti@dpw.sbcounty.gov). To request a PDF version of the document, please reference the project title above. A hard copy will be available at San Bernardino County Department of Public Works Environmental Management Division, 825 E. Third Street, San Bernardino, California 92415 and at the Caltrans District 8 Office located at 464 West Fourth Street, San Bernardino, California 92401.

**Where You Come In:** Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Do you disagree with the findings of the Draft EIR/EA? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than **December 21, 2023** to Nancy J. Sansonetti, Supervising Planner at [Nancy.Sansonetti@dpw.sbcounty.gov](mailto:Nancy.Sansonetti@dpw.sbcounty.gov) or at the following address. Due to Covid concerns, an email response is preferred if available to you.

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**Project Location:** The Project is located on the National Trails Highway, also known as U.S. Route 66. The bridges are situated in and near the unincorporated communities of Amboy and Essex in San Bernardino County. Please see the below table for more specific locational information for each bridge.

Bridge Name	Bridge Number	Existing Bridge Length	Existing Bridge Width	Location
Bristol Ditch	54C0272	40 feet	28 feet	26.7 miles east of Crucero Rd
Cerro Ditch	54C0275	40 feet	28 feet	1.3 miles east of Amboy Rd
Gordo Ditch	54C0276	40 feet	28 feet	1.8 miles east of Amboy Rd
Cerulia Ditch	54C0277	40 feet	28 feet	2.2 miles east of Amboy Rd
Leith Ditch	54C0279	40 feet	28 feet	3.1 miles east of Amboy Rd
Terra Ditch	54C0280	40 feet	28 feet	3.6 miles east of Amboy Rd
Sombra Ditch	54C0281	78 feet	28 feet	4.1 miles east of Amboy Rd
Beacon Ditch	54C0282	40 feet	28 feet	6.2 miles east of Amboy Rd
Larissa Ditch	54C0284	40 feet	27 feet	1.1 miles east of Kelbaker Rd
Adena Ditch	54C0315	59 feet	28 feet	21.9 miles east of Kelbaker Rd

