

# National Trails Highway – Nine Bridges Bridge Replacement Project

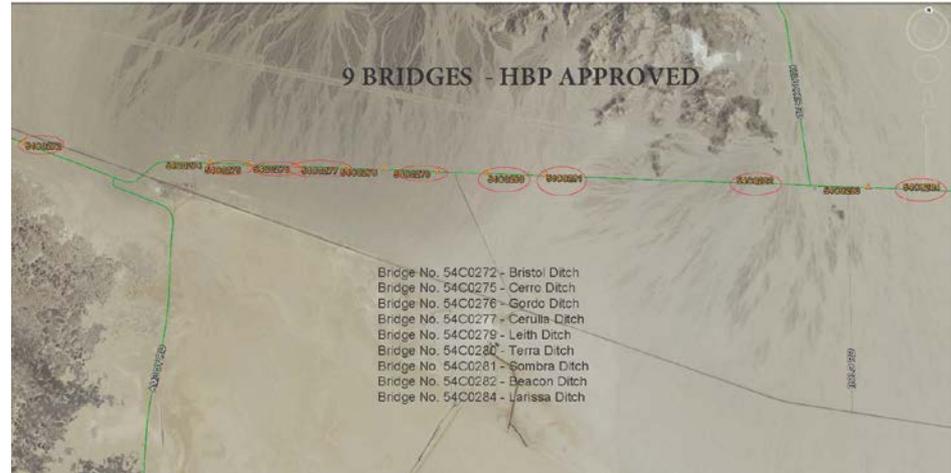
## Project Description

The Project involves the replacement of nine 1930s era timber bridges with new, engineered timber bridges. These bridges are located on County-maintained National Trails Highway (NTH), otherwise known as California U.S. Highway 66/National Trails Highway and traditionally known as Route 66. The are located in eastern San Bernardino County, in the unincorporated community of Amboy. The Project consists of removing the existing bridges and constructing new timber bridges, rock slope protection, guardrails, and roadway reconstruction 200 feet east and west of each bridge.

## Project Need

These bridges have been in service much longer than their original designed lifespan and have a sufficiency rating justifying replacement. The impending failure of these bridges is of critical concern to the entire eastern and central portion of the High Desert. The regional area served by the NTH alignment contains a veritable host of vitally important transportation corridors including federal interstates, state highways, county roads, local roads, jeep trails, footpaths, railroads and utilities serve the American public from the local to the national levels for anything ranging from a trip to Las Vegas in the family car, to supplying various regions of our nation with natural gas and power, to serving as one of the main rail alignments in and out of southern California, to serving as an emergency by-pass for Interstate 40, to serving as a key transportation link to and from the US Marine Corps Base at Twentynine Palms, and for serving as routes to National Parks and BLM recreational areas. Use and maintenance of each of these vital corridors is greatly facilitated by keeping the NTH open for traffic.

In 2003, the County began to develop a program to reconstruct and/or replace structurally deficient timber bridges in the National Trails Highway corridor between Daggett and Mountain Springs Road over the next 20 years.



Bridge Name	Location
Bristol Ditch	26.51 miles east of Crucero Road
Cerro Ditch	1.34 miles east of Amboy Road
Gordo Ditch	1.79 miles east of Amboy Road
Cerulia Ditch	2.25 miles east of Amboy Road
Leith Ditch	3.12 miles east of Amboy Road
Terra Ditch	0.30 mile east of Saltus Road
Sombra Ditch	0.85 mile east of Saltus Road
Beacon Ditch	2.66 miles east of Saltus Road
Larissa Ditch	1.08 miles east of Kelbaker Road