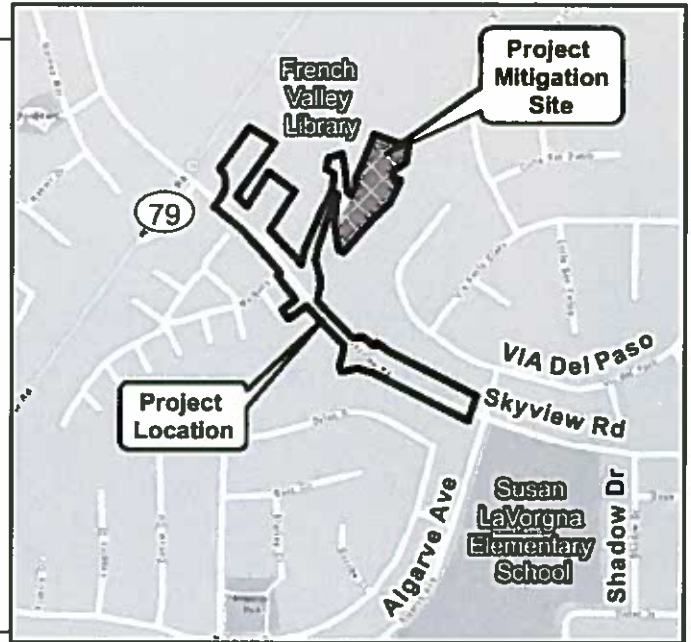


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of a Draft Initial Study and Intent to Adopt a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Opportunity to Request a Public Hearing Skyview Road Pedestrian Bridge Project

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The County of Riverside Transportation Department (CEQA Lead Agency) proposes to construct a pedestrian bridge along Skyview Road to traverse the gap over the French Valley Creek as part of the Skyview Road Pedestrian Bridge Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to provide pedestrian connectivity between the local elementary school, the French Valley Library, nearby residential communities, and the overall French Valley trail system. The proposed bridge will consist of an 18-foot-wide walkway width and will be approximately 370 feet long and 22 feet tall from the bottom of the river channel to the top of the handrailing at its highest point. The bridge will consist of four spans and three single-column piers. Geotechnical investigations will also be required. Additional features include sidewalks along Skyview Road to the French Valley Library, architectural treatments of the bridge, reconstruction of storm drains, nearby riparian/riverine restoration as mitigation in the French Valley Channel, and right of way acquisition, including partial acquisitions and temporary construction easements.



WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

The County of Riverside has studied the proposed project and concluded that it would not significantly affect the environment. The report detailing this finding is called an Initial Study. This notice serves to advertise the availability of the Draft Initial Study and your opportunity to read and comment on it, as well as the opportunity to request a public hearing. The County of Riverside will consider approval of the project and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project after June 23, 2023.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Skyview Road Pedestrian Bridge Project will be available beginning May 24, 2023. This document will be available for 30 days from May 24, 2023, until June 23, 2023. The document will be available for review at the following locations:

- County of Riverside Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501;
- French Valley Library, 31526 Skyview Rd, Winchester, CA 92596; and,
- <https://rcprojects.org/skyview>

WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your comments in writing no later than June 23, 2023, to Lisa Wadley, Riverside County Transportation Department, 3525 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501 or via email at lwadley@rivco.org. The date we will begin accepting comments is May 24, 2023. Based on study findings in the MND, the County of Riverside has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment because potential effects would be mitigated to a less than significant level through the incorporation of the mitigation measures. Potentially significant impacts for which mitigation measures were incorporated include Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, and Tribal Cultural Resources. Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, it has been determined that the project footprint is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code pertaining to hazardous wastes. Your written comments will be considered in the decision on the project and will be forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors before action is taken on the project. Notice of said decision will be mailed to any person requesting notification. No decision will be taken until after the review period is complete.

CONTACT

For more information about this project or to receive a copy of the Draft Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Skyview Road Pedestrian Bridge Project, please contact Lisa Wadley, Associate Transportation Planner, Riverside County Transportation Department, at (951) 955-1506 or lwadley@rivco.org. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services at no cost, by contacting the individual noted above. This document is available in alternate formats upon request.