



7th Street Bridge Project
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**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report
And Invitation to a Public Hearing**

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 9:00 a.m.
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
1010 Tenth Street, Modesto, CA

The Stanislaus County Department of Public Works, as the Lead Agency, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 7th Street Bridge Project. The Final EIR includes responses to comments made on the Draft EIR, which was circulated for a 45-day review period from August 23, 2016, to October 6, 2016, as well as minor changes to the Draft EIR text. The Draft EIR and Final EIR have been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 et seq.).

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors will consider certifying the Final EIR and selecting Alternative 2B as its preferred alternative at a public hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2017. The Board of Supervisors meeting will begin at 9 am and will be held in the Board Chambers at 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto. Attendees may submit their comments verbally or in writing at the meeting.

Stanislaus Co. Planning Commission
1010 10th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

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Project Location

The project is located within the City of Modesto and in unincorporated Stanislaus County, along 7th Street between B Street and Crows Landing Road. The entire project study area includes the intersections of 7th Street with B Street/Tuolumne Boulevard north of the Tuolumne River, and with 7th Street with Crows Landing Road south of the river.

Project Description

The purpose of the 7th Street Bridge Project is to: (1) correct structural and hydraulic deficiencies, including removal of load restrictions on the bridge; (2) expand vehicular capacity of the 7th Street corridor; and (3) improve safety for vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

The Draft EIR considered four project alternatives to repair or replace the 7th Street Bridge, and considered a No Project Alternative under which no action would be taken. Three project alternatives require demolition of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge roughly following the same alignment. These new bridge alternatives vary in terms of bridge design (e.g., span lengths, number and locations of bridge piers), intersection configuration options north and south of the bridge crossing, and construction methods. The fourth project alternative would retrofit the existing bridge and construct a new parallel bridge just downstream.

The Final EIR identifies Alternative 2B, Existing Bridge Alignment (Standard Bridge), as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Environmental Effects

The Draft EIR evaluated a range of potential environmental impacts. Potentially significant impacts, established regulatory safeguards, and/or project-specific mitigation measures are identified for transportation, noise, air quality and greenhouse gases, aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, hazardous materials, hydrology, and land use. Under all project alternatives, the loss of the historic 7th Street Bridge would be significant and unavoidable.

Availability

The Final EIR, Draft EIR, and supporting information are available online at: www.7thstreetbridge.org. The Final EIR may also be reviewed and/or obtained at the Stanislaus County Department of Public Works: 1716 Morgan Road, Modesto, CA 95358. The public counter is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are also available to review at the Stanislaus County Library, 1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354.

For general questions about the public meeting, please call Judith Buethe, Public Outreach Coordinator, (209) 464-8707, Ext. 1, or send email to judith@buethepr.com.

