

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED CA FLAP PLU 406(1) QUINCY JUNCTION ROAD PROJECT

## Plumas County Department of Public Works 1834 East Main Street, Quincy CA 95971

The Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in cooperation with the Plumas County Department of Public Works (County), is proposing the CA FLAP PLU 406(1) Quincy Junction Road Project (project).

The project includes roadway improvements and widening of approximately 1.0 mile of Quincy Junction Road from Bell Lane to Chandler Road. The roadway would be widened to a paved width of 30 feet, which allows for two 11-foot-wide travel lanes and 4-foot-wide shoulders on each side. The project also includes the rehabilitation of the existing pavement, minor drainage improvements, utility relocations, and new cut/fill slopes. Pavement rehabilitation is anticipated to be a full-depth reclamation method, where the existing roadway material would be pulverized and blended in place, compacted, and then new asphalt concrete pavement would be placed over the full-depth reclamation material. Approach roads and driveways would be resurfaced or paved to transition and match the new roadway conditions. Rock cut slopes are anticipated through the middle section of the project area to minimize the extent of adjacent property impacts due to the existing steep slopes. Clear zone improvements are anticipated with the addition of the 4-foot shoulder, but improvements beyond that may be isolated to limit impacts on adjacent properties. New pavement markings and safety signage would also be installed.

Proposed drainage improvements include replacement of approximately 14 existing roadway culverts, installation of new culverts where needed to accommodate roadway widening and transitions to existing driveways, and graded roadway ditches to facilitate proper drainage. The existing box culvert at Clear Creek, a tributary to Greenhorn Creek, would be replaced with a hydraulically equivalent culvert to accommodate the roadway widening. Culverts that contain water at the time of construction would be dewatered prior to replacement. Due to excellent visibility and a short length across the Greenhorn Creek bridge, the proposed roadway shoulder would taper to match the narrower existing bridge shoulder to avoid impacts on the existing structure. Advance warning traffic signs would be installed at this location to advise roadway users of the narrower shoulder. No work in Greenhorn Creek is proposed.

The estimated area of disturbance (project area) is approximately 8.13 acres encompassing the existing road, adjacent areas subject to disturbance, and staging areas along the road.

Construction of the proposed road improvements is scheduled for 2026 and would last one construction season, with work likely starting in spring and finishing in fall. Work in aquatic habitats (culvert replacement and cleaning, headwall extension, and riprap placement at culvert inlet and outlets) would be confined to the low-flow season between July 15 and October 31. No night work is proposed for the project. The construction timing is subject to change based on the availability of funding and receipt of approvals for the project. Traffic delays and short-term road closures are anticipated, with traffic delays being limited to 30 minutes or less. A short-term road closure of approximately three weeks is anticipated for replacement of the Clear Creek box culvert. A traffic detour would be provided during the full road closure at the creek crossing. The detour for through traffic would direct drivers along Chandler Road east to State Route 70 to Lee Road to Bell Lane. Advance notice would be provided for through traffic on Quincy Junction Road.

Existing right-of-way for Quincy Junction Road in the project corridor varies between approximately 60 feet to 100 feet. One partial, permanent right-of-way acquisition is anticipated at the corner of Bell Lane and Quincy Junction Road for widening for the road shoulder. The remainder of the permanent roadway improvements associated with the project would be within the existing Plumas County right-of-way. Temporary construction easements are anticipated on 11 parcels along Quincy Junction Road at Bell Road, Clear Creek Road, and Chandler Road to provide for construction access and temporary disturbances outside of the right-of-way. No temporary or permanent relocations of utilities are required.

The Plumas County Department of Public Works has reviewed the project and, based upon the whole record before the County (including the Initial Study and any supporting documentation), is recommending that a Mitigated Negative Declaration be adopted pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

All interested persons are invited to comment in writing on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration to the Public Works Department prior to the end of the public review period. **The comment period begins August 4, 2025 and ends September 5, 2025.** The Plumas County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration on September 9, 2025, in the Supervisors Board Room located at the Court House, Third Floor, 520 Main Street, Quincy CA 95971. Subsequent notification will be made for all public hearings scheduled for consideration of the environmental document and project approval. Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration will conclude the environmental review of the project.

The Initial Study, information concerning the project, and the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Public Works Department, 1834 East Main Street, Quincy CA 95971 (telephone 530-283-6268). The documents can also be viewed online at: <https://www.plumascounty.us/2703/Public-Notices-and-Environmental-Documen>. For more information, please contact Robert Thorman, Director, Plumas County Public Works Department, at the above address.