



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) AND NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: National Trails Highway at Bridge 85 (Lamego Ditch) Replacement Project (Project)

What's Being Planned: The County proposes to replace the existing two-lane timber bridge on the National Trails Highway/National Old Trails Road/Route 66 (hereinafter referred to as NTH) at County bridge 85 over Lamego Ditch with a new two-lane concrete structure located near the unincorporated community of Chambless in San Bernardino County, California. The purpose of the proposed Project is to improve structure safety and operations through replacement of the existing bridge and approach roadways. The proposed Project is needed to meet current bridge structural design and safety standards.

The Project includes the demolition of the existing timber bridge and its replacement with a concrete bridge designed to American Association of State Highway and Transportation (AASHTO) standards for two-lane concrete bridges, guardrails, guardrail end treatments, and approaches. The existing soil is sandy and susceptible to scour, so pile extensions would be utilized, and the abutment foundation would be designed for scour. Additionally, rock slope protection will also be utilized to prevent scour. The bridge barrier would be a Type 85 concrete barrier with bicycle railing painted white, which is approved by the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware and best matches the original railing. The bridge may be lengthened as needed to convey the storm flows. The replacement bridge would accommodate two 12-foot-wide lanes, two 3-foot-wide shoulders, and two 2-foot-wide railings. The vertical profile of the bridge will remain close to the existing profile, unless it is determined that additional vertical clearance is required to provide sufficient water conveyance beneath the bridge. It is anticipated that any necessary changes in vertical profiles would be three feet or less, with the elevation gradually conforming to the existing roadway elevations. The alignment would remain unchanged; however, up to 800 feet of pavement improvements on either side of the bridge may be needed to conform to the existing roadway vertical profile. Grading within the existing channel around the bridge may be needed to ensure sufficient storm conveyance and drainage of the area.

A temporary, parallel road (also known as a "shoo-fly") would be constructed at the bridge location to accommodate through-traffic during construction. This parallel road may require placement of a culvert with rock slope protection. Based on weather conditions and construction activities, it is possible that there could be intermittent closures of the temporary parallel road. The temporary parallel road, including any culvert or rock slope protection, would be removed once construction of the replacement bridge and roadway approaches is complete. Construction of the replacement bridge would be completed within one year.

What's Available: The draft IS/MND, including maps and other Project information, can be viewed on the County of San Bernardino website at: <https://dpw.sbcounty.gov/public-notices/>. If unavailable on the website, you may obtain the document in electronic format by telephoning the Department of Public Works at (909) 387-7910, or by emailing the Senior Planner at Ayida.smith@dpw.sbcounty.gov. To request a PDF version of the document, please reference the project title above.

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 IS/MND? Would you care to make any other comments on the Project? A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will commence on April 3, 2026, and end on May 4, 2026. Please submit your comments in writing no later than **May 3, 2026**, to Ayida Smith at Ayida.smith@dpw.sbcounty.gov or at the following address.

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Project Location: The Project is located along National Trails Highway, near the community of

Chambless San Bernardino County:

