



## MOSQUITO ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 26, 2013

2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Mosquito Fire Protection District Station 75  
8801 Rock Creek Road, Placerville

### COMMENTS & QUESTIONS SUMMARY

Following is a summary of the comments and questions regarding the Mosquito Road Bridge Project that were voiced by residents of the Mosquito and Swansboro communities who attended the public workshop on January 26, 2013.

#### **In favor of 2-lane replacement bridge:**

- Improve safety for all motorists (residents as well as visitors)
- Emergency response time will be greatly improved – could be reduced to 20-25 minutes for sheriff as well as fire/ambulance; now takes 45 minutes for ambulance to Marshall via Rock Creek Rd.
- Will improve emergency route in case of evacuation

#### **Concerns regarding 2-lane replacement bridge:**

- Traffic volumes will increase
- Will bring more people
- Crime will increase w/better access
- Will change rural character of the community

#### **Option for 1-lane replacement bridge:**

- Make it look “cute” like existing bridge

#### **Keep current, old bridge (No Build Option, Keep Maintaining)**

- Oldest working bridge
- Historical significance – don’t want to lose this piece of history

#### **Preservation of Rural Character of the Community**

- Current bridge limits visitors/usage; Concern that improving bridge will encourage future growth, negative impacts on rural character.

#### **Want new replacement bridge at new location & keep existing bridge for pedestrian use**

- Options do exist to keep old bridge (for ped/recreation use) & build a new bridge

#### **Existing roads need SAFTEY improvements (not covered by the HBP funding)**

- Roads are narrow with switchbacks/hairpin turns
- Recent fatal accident site on turn above bridge has no protection (no guardrail or reflectors)
- Obtain other funding to fix existing roads

#### **Emergency response is big concern, but only way to fix is with larger bridges.**

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITIONS

#### Is the bridge considered historical?

Answer: The existing bridge is not eligible for the Federal Registry, however, it does have local historical significance.

#### Does the bridge really need to be replaced?

Answer: The sufficiency rating justifies the option to replace the existing bridge. However, this will be analyzed in the updated study and alternatives will be presented for public input.

### FUNDING

#### Will current 100% funding remain in place?

Answer: The 100% funding was originally a two-year pilot program started in 2010 to get projects into the program that did not have the local matching funds. If this project continues under existing HBP, 100 percent funding is locked in. If the project is discontinued, then resumed at a later date, 100 percent funding might not be available.

#### How much will HBP cover for the road?

Answer: Normally, up to 400 feet as needed to conform/transition to existing roadway alignment on each side of the bridge; however, longer approaches may be eligible for funding subject to justification and FHWA approval.

### EXISTING ROADS

#### Will existing road stay the same?

Answer: The HBP funding will cover the cost to reconstruct the bridge in its ultimate location along with reasonable approaches to conform to the adjacent roadway. The remaining portions of the road will remain as is and will be maintained as part of the County's ongoing roadway maintenance.

#### Won't some of the problems be fixed with some of the alternatives?

Answer: Depending upon the alternative selected, some existing roadway deficiencies will be eliminated

#### What is traffic projection for 2020?

Answer:

#### When will Rock Creek Road be fixed where slide was?

Answer: Slide is being monitored and K-rail will be removed once the hillside stabilizes - potentially by Summer 2013.

### EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS / RESPONSE TIME

#### Would higher profile bridge alternatives improve emergency vehicle response times?

Answer: Potentially yes, depending upon alternative selected and fire service operations.

#### Will a new bridge accommodate emergency vehicle uses?

Answer: Yes, if the bridge is replaced, the new structure will accommodate emergency vehicles.

### PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

#### Will a new bridge accommodate pedestrian access/foot traffic?

Answer: This is a design level decision that will be evaluated in the alternative selection process. Pedestrian access can be provided if determined to be a community priority.

#### Can the existing bridge stay as a pedestrian bridge?

Answer: Existing bridge must be removed from the federal maintenance system and an alternative needs to be found to pay for maintenance and liabilities. There may be other options such as Nature Conservancy, historical societies, but it is a challenge. Community assistance is needed to identify alternative maintenance and operations options to keep existing bridge for pedestrian use.

## **TRUCK ACCESS**

### **Will a new bridge make Mosquito Road a truck route?**

Answer: Mosquito Road will not be designated as a truck route; however, it will be available to any legally loaded vehicle.

## **ROAD CLOSURES / ALTERNATE ACCESS ROUTES**

### **If Mosquito Bridge is closed during construction, what are the alternative routes?**

Answer: Rock Creek Road would be the primary detour route with Mosquito Road / Sand Mountain Blvd as a secondary route. (Additional road maintenance would be required.)

## **RECREATIONAL USE**

### **Will access to the river be provided?**

Answer: This will be evaluated in the planning process and will be considered if a community priority.

## **RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION**

### **Will private property be needed for the project?**

Answer: Right-of-way will likely need to be acquired for the project. A formal process to evaluate, value and compensate property owners will be followed. Property owners have constitutionally afforded rights which will be provided for in this process.

## **STUDY / UPDATE SCHEDULE**

### **Will updated study look at new/different alternatives from the 1993 study?**

Answer: Potentially yes, if better alternatives can be identified.

### **Does Options 3 or 4 accommodate school buses?**

Answer: Potentially yes, dependent upon the school district bus route determination.

### **Can an alternative matching the current design and location of the existing bridge be considered?**

Answer: Yes, provided it can be made to meet current safety standards.

### **What is the project schedule?**

Answer: A tentative project schedule is provided in the Project Fact Sheet . See project website: <http://www.edcgov.us/MosquitoBridge/>

## **CONSULTANT / CONTRACTOR SELECTION**

### **How will the consultant be selected? Will they be familiar with the area and particular community needs?**

Answer: The consultant is being selected based upon their qualifications specific to this project in a formalize process. The selected consultant will be very familiar with the project site and surrounding area. Their scope of work will include collecting and prioritizing community needs and their work will be fully supervised by County staff.

### **Can an accelerated design/build process be utilized for this project?**

Answer: Most likely not; however, delivering the project in a timely manner is a priority and schedules for each item of work will be provided to deliver the project as quickly as possible.

## **QUANTIFICATION OF PUBLIC OPINION ON ALTERNATIVES**

### **How will public opinion on the alternatives be quantified?**

Answer: When alternatives are developed, a survey of the community preferences will be conducted and results included in the finalized study.

**Will these comments be posted online?** The comments received at public workshops will be summarized and posted on the project website: <http://www.edcgov.us/MosquitoBridge/>