

## **Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

**Project Title:** Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project

**Location:** San José (Santa Clara County), California

**APN:** Santa Clara County: 264-40-117, 264-40-103, 264-40-078, 264-40-125, 264-40-081, 264-40-122, 264-40-129, 264-40-095, 264-48-001, 264-48-113, 264-48-092, 264-48-127, 264-48-094, 264-48-110, 264-40-120, 264-40-013

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**Review Period:** November 20, 2020 to December 21, 2020

**Project Description:** The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), which operates the San Francisco Bay Area's Caltrain passenger rail service, proposes the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project in the City of San José, Santa Clara County, California. Caltrain operates on two bridges over the Guadalupe River, the 1935 MT-1 bridge and 1990 MT-2 bridge, each carrying a single track. The purpose of the project is to address the structural deficiencies of the MT-1 bridge and the geomorphic instability of the Guadalupe River channel in the vicinity of the MT-1 and MT-2 bridges to provide for long-term public safety and service reliability. The major elements of the project include replacement of the 1935 MT-1 bridge with a new 265-foot pre-cast concrete structure, extending the southern end of the MT-2 bridge by 90 feet, and widening the river channel to reduce the risk of scour and bank failure issues during storm events. Project construction will take place in a series of stages to maintain existing rail services, and is estimated to take approximately two years. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2022 and end in Summer 2024.

**Mitigated Negative Declaration:** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA guidelines, the JPB prepared a Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project. Based on the Initial Study, staff determined that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures as noted in the Draft IS/MND.

**Public Comment Period:** November 20 to December 21, 2020. The public and agencies are hereby invited to review the IS/MND and submit written comments. The Draft IS/MND can be accessed at [www.caltrain.com/guadalupebridge](http://www.caltrain.com/guadalupebridge).

Comments are due December 21, 2020 and should be sent to Hilda Lafebre, Caltrain, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070 or [guadalupe@caltrain.com](mailto:guadalupe@caltrain.com).

**Public Meeting:** A virtual public information meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link for the meeting is <https://bit.ly/GuadalupeRailBridge>.

The meeting can also be accessed by phone at: (669) 900-6833, Webinar ID: 968 8464 7203.