

# ***Adopt the Updated Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project***

JPB TOPS Committee  
February 26, 2025



# Agenda

1. Environmental Clearance and Approvals
2. CEQA Addendum
3. Project Update
4. Next Steps

# Environmental Clearance and Approvals

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- JPB adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) in February 2021.
- JPB received permits from Regional, State, and Federal resource agencies for the Project.
- Construction of the Project commenced in 2023. Major construction was paused after 2023 to incorporate Project modifications.
- The "Modified Project" requires consideration under CEQA.

# CEQA Addendum

- JPB prepared a CEQA addendum to evaluate the proposed changes in the Modified Project.
  - Refinements to the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP).
  - Project construction activities, sequence and duration, temporary shoring, and construction limits.
  - Limited nightwork activities.
  - Potential use of impact hammer.
- The Modified Project contains only minor technical changes or additions and none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 are present, therefore an Addendum is the appropriate document.
- **No significant impacts** or substantial increase the severity of impacts previously identified in the MND

# Project Update

- JPB staff incorporated resource agency feedback into revised permit applications.
- Project submitted revised permit applications to the agencies on **February 6, 2025**
  - CWA Section 401 – Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - CWA Section 404 – US Army Corps of Engineers
  - Streambed Alteration Agreement – California Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Encroachment Permit – Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Additional JPB coordination, including multi-agency review meeting on **February 25, 2025**
- CDFW, RWQCB, and Valley Water are responsible agencies under CEQA.

# Next Steps

- Requesting adoption of the Modified Project CEQA addendum for administrative record
- File Notice of Determination (NOD) with the Santa Clara County Clerk and State Clearinghouse
- Staff will provide the MND and Addendum to CEQA responsible agencies for their use to issue modified permits
- Staff will seek from this committee, and the JPB Board, a subsequent approval for the Modified Project at a future meeting
- Return to Board in Spring 2025 with Modified Project to seek budget approval and amend construction contract and Change Order authority with Walsh Construction Company

# Recommended Action

- Request adoption of the Modified Project CEQA addendum for administrative record

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