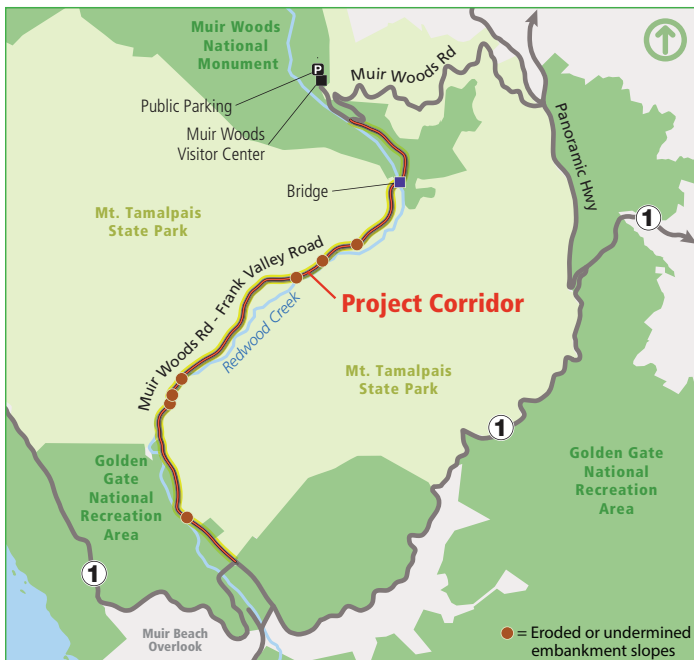


MUIR WOODS ROAD SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

April 18, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Muir Woods Park Community Association (40 Ridge Avenue, Mill Valley, California 94941)



Muir Woods Road

Muir Woods Road is a narrow two-lane rural roadway owned and maintained by Marin County, California. The road connects CA 1 from the south to the Muir Woods National Monument. The road is used by vehicles, buses, and trucks to access the National Monument or to travel to the Panoramic Highway. The road has a functionally deficient bridge across Redwood Creek.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), in cooperation with Marin County, the National Park Service (NPS), and California State Parks are proposing to improve road conditions along a segment of Muir Woods Road. An Environmental Assessment (EA)/Initial Study (IS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is currently underway to evaluate potential effects from road rehabilitation improvements to 2.42 miles of Muir Woods Road (Route County Road 107) in Marin County.

Public Input Received

A public meeting was held November 9, 2016, at the Mill Valley Community Center in Mill Valley, California. The purpose of the meeting was to seek public input on specific problems in the Muir Woods Road corridor, to solicit ideas for alternatives, and to obtain information on environmental resources. Below are highlights of verbal comments from the public meeting, comments submitted to the project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/muwo>, and from letters to the FHWA-CFLHD office in Lakewood, Colorado.

Support for the Project

Residents support expedited efforts to repair and rehabilitate the road and bridge to improve safety for vehicles, buses, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Several comments stated a need for all agencies with projects in the Muir Woods Road and Monument area to coordinate studies, funding, and construction schedules and present them in a unified format that informs visitors and residents about the impacts of all of these activities. Meeting participants suggest future meeting notices with a broader reach.

Public Concerns

Concern was expressed that an improved road would increase traffic levels to the Monument and nearby recreation trails.

Residents want to understand construction activities for Muir Woods Road improvements and to be informed about the impacts on traffic, Redwood Creek, sensitive and special-status plant and animal species, bus and shuttle service, and access for emergency vehicles.

It was suggested that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR under CEQA) be prepared instead of an Initial Study (IS under CEQA).

Suggested Improvements to Muir Woods Road

Several meeting participants requested consideration of the following solutions:

- Widening the road to full design standards
- Narrowing the lanes to minimize impacts to adjacent corridor resources
- Adding a dedicated pedestrian/bike path next to the road
- Turning Muir Woods Road into a one-way facility
- Widening the road just enough to address safety issues

The study team has considered the solutions offered at the November 9, 2016, public meeting and will discuss these at the upcoming Muir Woods Road Improvement Project Public Meeting on Alternatives. The meeting date, time, and location can be found on the back of this newsletter.



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MUIR WOODS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Let us know what you think

Your input is critical to guiding the development of this project so that it reflects the needs, concerns, and desires of your community.

We welcome your comments.

There are multiple ways to submit them:

- Attend the public meeting and provide comments.
- Through the project website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/muwo>
- Send written comments to:
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Second Public Meeting

What: The meeting will have an open-house format, so you may arrive at any time to review project information displays and converse one-on-one with project staff. There will be a short presentation at 6:30 p.m.

When: April 18, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Muir Woods Park
Community Association
40 Ridge Avenue
Mill Valley, California 94941

Stay informed

Project information is available on the project website, found at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/muwo>

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