

MUIR WOODS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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. We are initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Initial Study (IS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate potential road rehabilitation improvements to 2.42 miles of Muir Woods Road (Route County Road 107) in Marin County.

The purpose of the proposed action is to restore the structural integrity of the road, enhance safety for all users accessing state and federal lands, correct road-related drainage problems, reduce water quality impacts to Redwood Creek, and reduce on-going road maintenance requirements. The purpose of the bridge project is to replace the Muir Woods Road Bridge over Redwood Creek, which was constructed in 1946 and does not meet current bridge standards.

The project is needed because Redwood Creek has eroded and undermined roadway embankment slopes in several locations. In some areas of slope failure the road has been reduced to one lane. Pavement along the road is heavily damaged due to poor drainage and many areas have severe alligator cracking, deteriorated edges, and low shoulders. Existing road widths are substandard, varying from 18 feet to 24 feet. The narrow lane widths make it difficult for vehicles to safely pass bicyclists. The undermined road and vehicles driving or parking off-road have damaged riparian vegetation which has led to increased sedimentation entering Redwood Creek. The bridge project is needed because the aging structure has bridge footings that are exposed, the concrete is deteriorating, and corroded rebar is exposed.

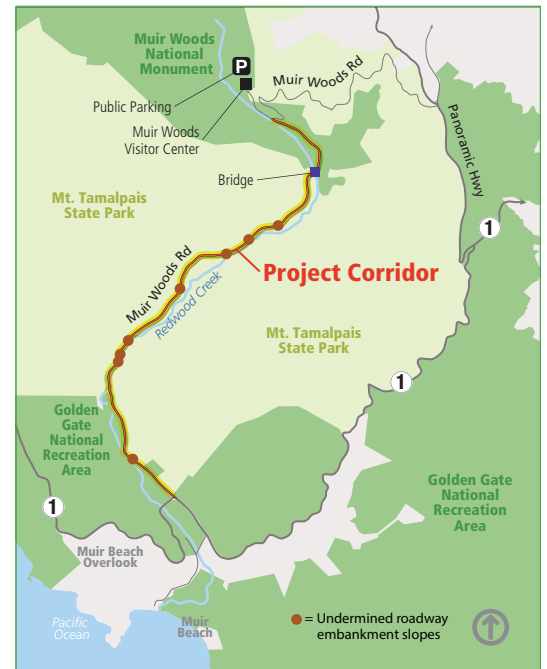
Possible improvements for the road and bridge two-phased project include the following:

Phase A – Proposed Road Project:

- Stabilize slopes and repair the roadway in eight locations next to the creek
- Widen the roadway to a consistent 24-foot paved width
- Improve drainage by replacing deteriorating and substandard culverts
- Restoration, rehabilitation, and resurfacing the road to provide a maintainable surface

Phase B – Proposed Bridge Project:

- Replace existing substandard bridge with a new structure that can accommodate two 11-foot lanes, five-foot shoulders, and a six-foot sidewalk



Muir Woods Road Conditions



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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 before December 9, 2016.

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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Stay informed

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

First 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: November 9, 2016 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Mill Valley Community Center (Mountain View Room) – 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA

Why: The project team is seeking your input on:

- Specific problems in the corridor.
- Ideas for alternatives that should be considered.
- Concerns or questions about the project.
- Environmental resources that may be affected by the project.

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