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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT  
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/SUBSEQUENT INITIAL  
STUDY AND PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment/Subsequent Initial Study (SEA/SIS) with proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Improvement Project (SFDB) is available for public review and comment.

The Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD), in cooperation with Marin County and the National Park Service, is proposing improvements to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard within Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, CA. The project includes improvements to approximately 12 miles of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from the intersection with Pierce Point Road to the intersection with Chimney Rock Road. The proposed improvements primarily consist of resurfacing, restoring, and rehabilitating Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in a manner that will closely follow the existing roadway. In general, the roadway would be widened 1 to 6 feet to maintain a consistent 24-foot width with two 11-foot travel lanes and 1-foot shoulders. The purpose of the project is to restore the structural integrity of the roadway and enhance safety for all users while reducing ongoing maintenance requirements. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act, a joint EA/IS was prepared that analyzed these improvements to the road and was distributed for public review in July 2015. A Finding of No Significant Impact/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (FONSI/MND) was issued in August 2015, found here, <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=333&projectID=53489&documentID=83306>.

Since issuance of the 2015 FONSI/MND, improvements have been proposed and evaluated under this SEA/SIS include replacing the existing culverts under SFDB at Schooner Creek with a single-span bridge, and restoring and stabilizing approximately 710 feet of SFDB that has severely eroded. To compensate for permanent wetland impacts as a result of roadway improvements, part of the parking lot at the Drakes Beach would be restored to a wetland, and two ponds would be constructed within Home Ranch to provide California red-legged frog aquatic breeding habitat. Actions at Drakes Beach and Home Ranch extend beyond the original study area analyzed in 2015.

The joint SEA/SIS has been developed to meet CFLHD's obligations as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and Marin County's obligations as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. The draft document is available for review online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=53489> and at the following locations: Point Reyes Public Library (11435 CA-1, Point Reyes Station, CA) and Civic Center Library (3501 Civic

Center Drive, Room 427, San Rafael, CA). The 30-day public review and comment period for the document commences on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Written comments should be submitted by Wednesday, July 18, 2018, to SFDB Improvement Project SEA/SIS c/o Nathan Allen, FHWA-CFLHD, 12300 West Dakota, Ave., STE 380, Lakewood, CO 80228. Comments may also be submitted through the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/PORE>. Only written comments or comments submitted through the PEPC website can be accepted.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write to Nathan Allen at (720) 963-3668 or 12300 West Dakota Ave., Ste. 380, Lakewood, CO 80228.

As noted in the attached Subsequent Initial Study, the significant effects of the project for the topical areas noted below have been mitigated by modifications to the project so that the potential adverse effects are reduced to a point where no significant effects would occur.

- Aesthetics/Visual
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise

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