



San Luis Obispo County

Department of Planning and Building

TO: Interested Party
DATE: August 19, 2013
FROM: Ryan Hostetter, County Planning
VIA: Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator
SUBJECT: Bob Jones Pathway (San Luis Obispo to Ontario Road) -- Notice of Availability of Draft EIR

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Bob Jones Bike Path extension is complete and available for public review and comment. The DEIR addresses the environmental impacts that may be associated with the request to construct the approximately 4.4 mile segment of a Class 1 and Class 2 bike path from the Octagon Barn located on South Higuera St., just south of the City of San Luis Obispo, to the staging area of the existing Bob Jones bike path at Ontario Road within the Avila Valley area. The project includes improvements to a staging area at the Octagon Barn parking lot, construction of four bridges, and crossings along South Higuera Road.

The proposed project is primarily within the Agriculture and Rural Lands land use categories and begins at the south-western edge of the City of San Luis Obispo, approximately 2,000 feet south of the intersection of South Higuera and Los Osos Valley Road, and follows an alignment along South Higuera, San Luis Obispo Creek, Monte Road and Ontario Road.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the following locations: Cal Poly Library and City/County Library of San Luis Obispo. Copies are also available on loan and for review at the Environmental Division of the Planning Department, located at the 976 Osos St., Room 300, San Luis Obispo, 93408-2040. The EIR is on the Planning Department's web site at: www.sloplanning.org under "Environmental Impact Reports".

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

The EIR focuses on the following issues (i.e. areas of controversy/focus areas: aesthetics/visual resources, cultural resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, and land use issues. The EIR also considers three alternatives in addition to the "No Project" alternative.

HOW TO COMMENT OR GET MORE INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in commenting on the draft EIR should **submit a written statement by 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2013** to me at:

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If you need more information about this project, please contact Ryan Hostetter at (805)788-2351 (or e-mail: rhostetter@co.slo.ca.us).

PUBLIC HEARING/MEETING:

A public workshop is scheduled for Wednesday August 28th 2013 at 6:00 PM at the PG&E Education Center. The PG&E Education Center is located at 6588 Ontario Road, San Luis Obispo CA 93405.

County Parks is expected to release and announce the draft to the Parks and Recreation Commission at their August 22, 2013 hearing and schedule a formal discussion before the Parks and Recreation Commission once they have had a chance to review the draft at their December 12th meeting (tentative).

Additionally, a public hearing before the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is expected to occur in January of 2014 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, County Government Center, San Luis Obispo. Due to this schedule being tentative, it is recommended that you contact us to confirm the date of the hearing.