



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WIDENING OF THE SWEETWATER RIVER BRIDGES ON INTERSTATE 805, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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Comment Period: April 17, 2018 to May 17, 2018

Direct comments to: Mr. Ian Bordenave

The Los Angeles District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed widening of the Sweetwater River bridges on Interstate 805 (I-805) in San Diego County, between Chula Vista and National City. The State of California, Department of Transportation (CalTrans), has proposed to widen the freeway bridges crossing over the Sweetwater River. These improvements would also necessitate the need to construct new pier walls to support the extended bridge structure. The San Diego County, Department of Public Works (DPW) and the San Diego County Flood Control District would act as the non-Federal sponsor and operator of this facility. Accordingly, this EA is being prepared in response to an application by CalTrans for a Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403 *et seq.*) Section 408 permit to modify an existing Corps' project, the Sweetwater River Channel Levee System.

The proposed widening would effectively connect the decks of the two existing I-805 bridges with closure pours and a new cast in place, reinforced concrete box girder. This would widen the northbound and southbound median, and the northbound outside main-lanes/connector ramp, to provide standard 12-foot lanes with 10-foot shoulder widths. Currently, the Sweetwater River bridges provide 11-foot-wide lanes and 2-foot-wide median shoulder sections which extend across the existing northbound bridge. This results in confined traffic conditions during the morning peak traffic period. Other improvements would include replacing the existing guard rails, removal and replacement of the existing joint seals, replacement of cracked and failed approach slabs on the main-lane and shoulder sections of both existing bridges. Additionally, new 18-foot pier walls, and other appurtenant features, would be constructed to support the extended bridge structure.

The Corps is requesting comments pertaining to the proposed project from Federal, state, local agencies, and the public in general that would lead to the determination by decision makers on the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact or whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) other Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and Corps' policies. The Corps is the lead Federal agency for the Proposed Action, as no other agency is involved in implementing the Proposed Action. Comments received will be considered in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required or whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be issued.

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on May 17, 2018.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Mr. Ian Bordenave, Biological Sciences and Environmental Manager, at (213) 452-3874. Comments should be sent to:

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