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**Before the Historic Resources Review Board in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 23-001

**PLN220090 - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION**

Resolution by the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) to:

1. Certify that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for Big Sur Bridge Rail Replacement Program (SCH Number: 2020049027) has been considered; and
2. Recommend that the Planning Commission approve a Combined Development Permit (PLN220090) consisting of a: 1) Coastal Development Permit to allow replacement of bridge rails on the Garrapata Creek Bridge; 2) Coastal Development Permit to allow development within 100 feet of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area; 3) Coastal Development Permit for development within the Big Sur Critical Viewshed; 4) Coastal Development Permit to allow Development within 750 feet of Archaeological Resources and 5) Coastal Development Permit to allow Development on a historical site.

WHEREAS, this matter was heard by the Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) of the County of Monterey on December 1, 2022 and January 5, 2023, pursuant to the historic preservation regulations of the Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan and the regulations for the Preservation of Historic Resources contained in Monterey County Code Chapter 18.25.

WHEREAS, the project is located at Post Mile 63.0 along the Garrapata Creek Bridge, Highway 1, Big Sur, Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan, Coastal Zone.

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (applicant) filed with the County of Monterey, an application to allow replacement of bridge rails on the Garrapata Creek Bridge.

WHEREAS, the project was referred to the Big Sur Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) on November 8, 2022 prior to being referred to the HRRB. The LUAC recommended that the project be revised to include repair of the existing bridge rails or replacement of the rail in kind.

WHEREAS, the project planner conducted a site visit on December 13, 2022 to review the project site and proposed development for consistency with the applicable policies and regulations.

WHEREAS, CalTrans, as lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prepared a Tier 1 (programmatic) EIR for the Big Sur Bridge Rail Replacement Program and prepared a Tier 2 (project specific assessment) assessment of the Garrapata Bridge Rail replacement project. Monterey County as a responsible agency must consider the impacts identified in the EIR and reach our own conclusions on the Coastal Development Permit for the project.

WHEREAS, the current bridge rail on Garrapata Bridge is deteriorating and does not meet current crash test standards for a Bridge rail which poses a health and safety risk for users of Highway 1.

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the hearing, the matter was submitted to the HRRB for a recommendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that having considered all the written and documentary information submitted, oral testimony, and other evidence presented before the HRRB, the HRRB recommends approval of the Combined Development Permit, subject to the following findings and conditions:

Finding: The action is necessary to correct an unsafe or dangerous condition.

Finding: The project is consistent with Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan Part 3, Regulations for Development in the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan.

Finding: The proposed project will not significantly adversely impact the historic integrity of the structure.

Evidence:

1. The Monterey County Local Coastal Program, including the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan and Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan Part 3, Regulations for Development in the Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan
2. Regulations for the Preservation of Historic Resources as contained in Monterey County Code Chapter 18.25
3. National Register Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation
4. The application, plans, and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County HCD-Planning for the proposed development found in project file PLN220090, including the supplemental packages submitted August 15, 2022 and December 6, 2022
5. The Historic Reports (LIB220303) prepared by Daniel Leckie, including the Finding of Adverse Effect (FAE)
6. The Tier I and II EIR

7. Oral testimony and HRRB discussion during the public hearing and the administrative record.

Condition: The color and finish of the new rails shall match the existing rails as much as possible. Prior to commencement of construction, the owner/applicant shall submit a color and material mockup of the final color selections, intended to match both the hue and texture of the existing rail to HCD-Planning for review and approval.

Condition: A full traffic assessment, including a speed study and evaluation of the potential of ways of minimizing speed, shall be prepared for each of the other five historical Big Sur bridges which are discussed as being considered for rail replacement in the “Tier 1” EIR as a submittal requirement for the Coastal Development Permits for any of those projects.

Passed and adopted on this **5th day of January, 2023**, upon motion of Belinda Taluban, seconded by Kellie Morgantini, by the following vote:

AYES: Judy MacClelland, John Scourkes, Salvador Muñoz, Sheila Lee Prader, Kellie Morgantini, Belinda Taluban

NOES: None

ABSENT: Michael Bilich

ABSTAIN: None

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Attest
Philip Angelo, HRRB Secretary
January 5, 2023

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