

# Memorandum

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Boyd Draw Bike Path

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Subject: Visual Impact Assessment

Caltrans proposes to construct a bike path under Highway 101 at Bridge #04-0085 (Boyd Draw) at PM 89.4 to connect Heindon Road with Wymore Road to provide connectivity for bicyclists using the local road system paralleling the highway. The project will require right of way acquisition of approximately .28 acres on the west side of Highway 101 to connect with State right of way at the bridge. The proposed bikeway is approximately 470 feet long and will involve vegetation and RSP removal, fence installation, grading work, placement of imported borrow, aggregate base and HMA. The project also proposes a new access road approximately 380 feet long.

The project is located north of the city of Arcata that has a population of approximately 17,000 and south of the unincorporated town of McKinleyville that has a population of approximately 15,000. The highway 101 corridor within the project limits is a four-lane freeway with a metal beam guardrail separating the two directions of travel. Heindon Road is located to the east of 101 and Wymore Road to the west, both running parallel to the freeway corridor. Adjacent land use near the project location are identified in the Humboldt County General Plan as Agricultural Exclusive, Natural Resources, and Rural Residential.

The proposed project would lead to minor visual changes however it is not anticipated to result in negative visual impacts. I recommend staining the proposed fencing a dark brown color. Consider coordinating with Traffic Safety pertaining to vegetation and lighting for user safety.