

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
MITCHELL RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the Mitchell River Bridge Replacement Project Alternative with an all-wood superstructure, a steel and concrete substructure, and a mostly steel bascule span will have no significant impact on the environment. The preferred alternative includes a context sensitive design that incorporates a timber superstructure on concrete and steel substructure with a steel bascule leaf on concrete bascule pier. The preferred alternative provides for a curb-to-curb roadway width of 26 feet and provides for a 5 foot clear sidewalk on each side of the roadway. This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Programmatic Section 4(f) Evaluation [EA/4(f)] released for public and agency review on November 8, 2012. The EA/4(f) has been independently evaluated by the FHWA and has been determined to adequately and accurately discuss the need, environmental issues, and impacts of the proposed project, and includes appropriate mitigation measures. The EA/4(f) and the information accompanying this FONSI provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The FHWA takes full responsibility for the accuracy, scope and content of these documents.

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