

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY FENTON PARKWAY BRIDGE PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(State Clearinghouse # 2023050534)

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY. The Board of Trustees of the California State University is the lead agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Fenton Parkway Bridge Project (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to analyze the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The Board of Trustees of the California State University has prepared this Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project would be in the northeast portion of the Mission Valley community, in the central portion of the City of San Diego metropolitan area; specifically, south of Fenton Parkway and the Fenton Marketplace and north of Camino Del Rio North. The bridge would connect these two roadways. The San Diego River bisects the project site from east to west. The project site consists of real property owned by the City of San Diego and -- upon completion of construction -- the City of San Diego will own, operate, and maintain the proposed bridge.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would include the construction of a vehicular and pedestrian bridge spanning the river from north to south. The proposed design for the bridge is a conventional prestressed concrete girder structure. This bridge design can be accomplished by way of two different construction methods: pre-cast, or cast-in-place. A pre-cast construction method uses bridge components that are manufactured off-site and assembled onsite. For a cast-in-place construction method, concrete is poured and cured in forms onsite to create a structural element in its final position. The bridge would be approximately 450 feet long, 58 feet wide, and 7 feet, 6 inches deep, and would consist of up to four spans. The spans would be supported on concrete seat-type abutments in the river embankments at each end and two to three piers within the river channel, each consisting of two to three approximately 20-foot-tall, 6-foot-diameter circular concrete columns. Each of the abutments would be protected with energy-dissipating riprap that will be buried to allow for post-construction habitat restoration over the riprap. Allowing this habitat restoration will ensure that post-construction replanting fosters wildlife use. The proposed project construction would occur in two phases for either the pre-cast or cast-in-place construction method. Phase 1 is estimated to occur over a period of three weeks, and Phase 2 is estimated to require a construction period of up to 57 weeks. A more detailed description of the proposed project, the project location, and the potential environmental effects associated with the development of the proposed project are provided in the Draft EIR.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR discloses that the proposed project would result in no impacts to agricultural and forestry resources, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, and recreation; less-than-significant impacts to aesthetics, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, and transportation, utilities and service systems. Impacts would be mitigated to less-than-significant relative to biological resources, cultural resources, noise, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. The Draft EIR also determined that the proposed project's impacts relative to biology and noise would be significant and unavoidable.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Draft EIR will be available for public review and comment for a 45-day period beginning April 12, 2024 and ending May 27, 2024. Please direct all comments to: Paul Jackson, Program Manager; Facilities Planning, Design, and Construction; SDSU, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, California 92182-1624 or via email to pjackson@sdsu.edu. All written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR must be received **no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 27, 2024**. Following the close of the public comment period, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be prepared and, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR. This notice will be filed with the San Diego County Clerk's office for a period of not less than 45 days.

ACCESSING THE DRAFT EIR: The Draft EIR may be accessed online using the SDSU website at <https://missionvalley.sdsu.edu>. A copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the following location during normal business hours: (1) Mission Valley Library (2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego 92108).

PUBLIC MEETINGS: There will be one public meeting during the 45-day public review period. This meeting will provide members of the public an opportunity to share comments regarding the analysis contained in the Draft EIR. These meetings will be held on:

- Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM (<https://bit.ly/3vQDZgc>)



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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES: The project site is not listed on hazardous substances databases/lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.