

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
(CEQA)  
To  
Widen Highway 101 and Construct Soundwalls  
In  
Sonoma County from the Wilfred Avenue Interchange to the Route 101/12  
Separation**

(Prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Division 13, Public Resources Code)

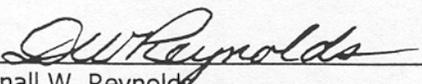
**Project Description:**

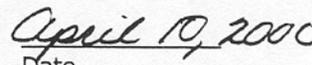
The California Department of Transportation proposes to add lanes and construct soundwalls on the section of Route 101 in Sonoma County from the Wilfred Avenue/Golf Course Drive interchange in Rohnert Park to Route 12 in Santa Rosa.

**Determination:**

Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study. On the basis of this study, it has been determined that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The project is compatible with local, regional and state land use planning and will not induce significant growth in the area. It will not alter present patterns of traffic circulation or movement.
2. There will be no significant effects on noise, air, and water quality. The project will not change the rate of use of any natural resources.
3. The project will not significantly affect fish, plant life or wildlife; nor will it significantly affect any rare or endangered species.
4. No historic or archaeological sites or structures of architectural or engineering significance will be affected.
5. The project will not affect neighborhoods, social, cultural, or educational facilities, or the economy of the area.
6. There will be no significant impacts upon the aesthetic features of the area.
7. The project will not significantly affect any important farmland, floodplain or any wetlands.
8. The potential for geologic or seismic hazards will not be increased by the project.

  
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