

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
HISTORIC LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

DETERMINATION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION THAT THE ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE, LOCATED AT U.S. ROUTE 101, POST MILE 40.98, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK AND IS WORTHY OF PROTECTION UNDER CHAPTER 18A OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CODE; AND DESIGNATION OF THE ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE AS COUNTY LANDMARK #58 PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT

RESOLUTION No. 2024-06

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (hereinafter "Commission") has considered the historical significance of the ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE located at U.S. Route No. 101, post mile 40.98, Santa Barbara County, California, and as shown on the legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A", in accordance with the requirements, standards and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and has determined that it is worthy of protection as a County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE is historically significant because:

1. It is representative of the county's architectural, engineering, political, and economic history. Built in 1918, its reinforced concrete materials and Classical Revival design elements were recognized for their excellence in style and aesthetic qualities, and its function as a transportation link enhanced the economic and political vitality of the South Coast; and
2. It is an outstanding example of the Classical Revival style and the use of cast-in-place concrete to erect monumental bridges in the early twentieth century. It is considered a prototype of the open spandrel parabolic arch bridge accented by Roman-influenced aqueduct style arches and Doric capitals exemplified by Greek architecture; and
3. It has a location with unique physical characteristics and is a view representing an established and familiar visual feature of the Gaviota coastal portion of the county. The location of the bridge on U.S. Route No. 101 is visible from the southbound side of the highway as well as from a pull-off vista point for travelers who may access the bridge as pedestrians as well as learn about its history and the Gaviota Coast; and

4. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation. The structure is recognized as a prototype in the development of the cast-in-concrete, multi-span, reinforced concrete, open spandrel parabolic arch bridge. It utilizes aesthetic design principals that create unity and avoid duality or perfect symmetry and was among the first bridges to use these design principles.
5. It reflects significant geographical patterns associated with historical settlement and growth in the region. The bridge was an important transportation improvement which provided a means for reliable highway travel on what became U.S. Route No. 101, and aided in the development of commerce, travel, and tourism along the county's main coastal artery.

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS FOUND, DETERMINED AND RESOLVED as follows:

1. The ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE meets the eligibility requirements for a County Historic Landmark as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-3, and is worthy of protection.
2. The County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission hereby designates the ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE as a County Historic Landmark, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Except as set forth in subsections c. and d. below, demolition, removal or destruction, partially or entirely, or willful negligence resulting in loss of historic integrity, is prohibited unless an application has been submitted to the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission for comments and the applicant has considered the comments of the Commission.
  - b. Except as set forth in subsections c. and d. below, no alterations, repairs, additions or changes (other than normal maintenance and repair) shall be made unless and until an application has been submitted to the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and all plans for such work have first been reviewed by the Commission for comments and the applicant has considered the comments of the Commission.
  - c. The foregoing conditions shall not be imposed in such a way as to infringe upon the right of the owners of the ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE to make any and all reasonable uses of the property, including all routine maintenance activities for operational and functional purposes, that are not in conflict with the purposes of County Code Chapter 18A.
3. This designation shall expire after a period of ninety days, unless prior to the expiration of ninety days the Board of Supervisors shall have confirmed the action of the County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18A, Section 18A-2.



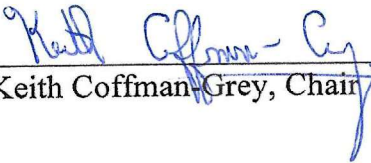
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission at Santa Barbara, California, this 9th day of December, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: MELCOMBE, NYE, WITTAUSCH, KNIGHT, STEINWACHS, DUNCAN,  
SALOGGA, SNOW, COFFMAN-GREY.

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

  
Keith Coffman-Grey, Chair


Approved as to form:

  
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Anne Rierson  
Senior Deputy County Counsel

I hereby APPROVE AND CONSENT to designation of the ARROYO HONDO BRIDGE as a County of Santa Barbara Historic Landmark pursuant to County Code, Chapter 18A.

Owner: California Department of Transportation

Date: 01/16/2025

  
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Printed Name: Scott Eades  
Title: District 5 Director

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| <b>Bridge Number</b> |
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| 51-0027Y |
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A portion of land in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, as described in the State Highway Deed for State Highway Route 2 (Currently State Highway 101) as recorded on October 28, 1933, in Book 294, Page 168 of Official Records, of said County, more particularly described as:

Only that portion of land within the limits of Bridge Number 51-0027Y, also commonly known as Arroyo Hondo Bridge. Located at post mile 40.98 on State Highway Route 2 (Currently State Highway 101).

**END OF DESCRIPTION**