

## Progress Report #1 by the Bridge Team, Feb. 5, 2026

Bridge Team (BT) consists of Brian Just and Doug Boothe. Brian Just was Deputy Director of Public Works for City of Solvang. He has created specs for, bid, and managed dozens of projects for the City, including City Hall remodel, Annex Remodel, two new restrooms, a sewer lift station, the 2007 complete rehab of Copenhagen Dr. , and others

Doug Boothe is a Civil Engineer with over 40 years of facility design, construction, maintenance, and upgrade experience with the US Navy, the Missile Defense Agency, and The Aerospace Corp.

Doug and Brian were selected by the CSA41 Road Committee (CSA41 RC) to have the bridge at the intersection of Cebada Cyn. Rd. and Avena Rd. achieve HS20 compliance in the quickest, least expensive, and least obtrusive method possible.

**Feb. 2** BT asked County staff about purchasing guidelines for sole source procurement. We wanted to know the upper spending limit to select a vendor of our choosing. The County sent a chart showing that the upper limit for construction without bidding is \$75K, while the upper limit for a consultant without bidding is \$200K.

**Feb.3** BT called Mark Braun asking for a meeting in his Buellton office. Mr. Braun is one of the structural engineers who evaluated our bridge in 2012. The meeting was set for Feb 4 at 11am.

**Feb. 4** At the meeting, which Doug attended by phone, Mark and the BT developed the scope of work, and discussed the bridge of Robert Bueno further up Cebada Cyn, Mark told us that the bridge dead load INCLUDED the weight of the abutment. This is significant news, as it would allow more weight of upgrades than the former equation which included only steel bridge parts. Mark also determined a pathway to find the dimensions of the bridge's hidden abutment parts and footings. We discussed whether prevailing wages (PW) would be required on the engineer's work. Brian checked with the County to see if PW were required for a consultant, or only for construction.

The County responded with questionable certainty that PWs would be required.

The BT created a draft RFP which will be presented separately, and may change somewhat depending on the PW policy