## CITY OF REDLANDS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**To:** San Bernardino County and Office of Planning & Research

Clerk of the Board State Clearinghouse
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From: City of Redlands, Municipal Utilities & Engineering Department

P.O. Box 3005, Redlands, CA 92373-1505

Subject: Filing of Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in Compliance with

Public Resources Code Section 21092.3.

**Project:** California Street and Redlands Boulevard Intersection Widening

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Lead Agency Contact Person Telephone Number

## **Project Location:**

The Project site is comprised of three (3) irregular shaped parcels (APNs: 0292-034-10, -11, and -17) that total approximately 1.8 acres. The site consists of the California St. and Redlands Blvd. public road rights-of-way, Mission Zanja Channel which is an earthen storm drain channel operated and maintained by San Bernardino County Flood Control that crosses under the California St. and Redlands Blvd. intersection, and vacant land located west of California Street. The site is bounded by a gas station to the north, a commercial shopping center to the east, an elementary school to the south, and the Mission Zanja Channel to the west followed by an apartment complex

# **Project Description:**

The project proposes to reconstruct the northwest corner of the California Street and Redlands Boulevard intersection and widen the west side of California Street. The California Street widening extends approximately 770 feet north of the Redlands Boulevard intersection. The Project site is located south of Interstate 10 (I-10) and extends into a portion of the Mission Zanja Channel. The Project includes storm drain improvements that involve the construction of a triple reinforced concrete box (RCB) culvert and concrete transition structure in the Mission Zanja Channel. The Project area is located on three (3) irregular shaped parcels: Accessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 0292-034-10, 0292-034-11 & 0292-034-17.

The City's General Plan Land Use designation for the Project site is Linear Parks for the Mission Zanja Channel (APN: 0292-034-11) and the remaining portion of the site has a Land Use designation of Commercial with a zoning designation of EV/CG (General Commercial) (APN: 0292-034-10, 0292-034-17). Additionally, the Project site is in a Transit Village Overlay Zone.

The Project area on the west side of California Street, southbound travel, currently consists of two (2) travel lanes that become one (1) combination right turn lane and through lane, one (1) designated left turn lane, a shoulder, an asphalt berm depression that provides access to the Channel for maintenance, electrical utility poles, and vacant land to the west. The Project area on the north side of Redlands Boulevard currently consists of a concrete sidewalk and commercial driveway that provides access to the Channel for maintenance, a parapet wall that extends from the top of the existing culvert, a traffic signal at the intersection, and electrical utility poles. The Project area within the Mission Zanja Channel currently consists of a culvert with two (2) concrete wingwalls, a parapet wall that projects to Redlands Boulevard, a concrete invert, retaining fences on either side of the channel, and rock lined channel walls and bottom. The Project includes the reconfiguration of the two (2) west lanes (designated combination right turn lane/through travel and travel lane) on California Street, the shoulder, culvert wingwalls, parapet wall, channel bottom, portions of

the existing retaining fence, and sidewalk. Additionally, the existing traffic signal at the California Street and Redlands Boulevard intersection and the electrical utility poles on California Street will be relocated.

The City proposes to widen the west side of California Street, north of Redlands Boulevard and south of the existing Anthem Oil gas station. California Street is classified as a Major Arterial roadway and the proposed widening Project is designed to accommodate the high volume of motorists that utilize the roadway to travel between residential areas, major activity centers, and the I-10 and I-215 freeways. The proposed widening of California Street consists of the construction of one (1) designated right turn lane, two (2) travel lanes, a 6.5-foot-wide concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter, and a 24-foot-wide concrete sidewalk depression to provide access to the Channel for maintenance. The specifications for the sidewalk and gutter improvements meet the requirements of the City's Standard Specifications and Detail Drawings for Design Construction of Public Improvements guidelines (PW Standards).

The proposed storm drain improvements consist of the construction of an RCB triple culvert totaling fifty-four (54) feet wide and eleven (11) feet tall and 220-feet in length that will connect to an existing RCB triple culvert in the Redlands Boulevard and California Street right-of-way. The RCB culvert is comprised of concrete transition structures, a sloped concrete invert, the installation of a guard rail, and a 6-foot-tall chain link fence. The specifications for the culvert are in accordance with the County of San Bernardino Flood Control Standards and the Standard Plans for Public Works Construction (SPPWC) Standards.

#### **Public Review Process:**

This is to advise that there is no substantial evidence of any potentially significant environmental effects from the proposed project, and the City of Redlands has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the project. The City of Redlands Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at a future noticed public meeting (date to be determined) to discuss and make a recommendation to the City Council on the above-referenced project. After public review of the Initial Study is completed, the City may propose to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.

The Initial Study, project plans, and related documents are available for public review at the Planning Division website at <a href="https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/environmental-documents">https://www.cityofredlands.org/post/environmental-documents</a>.

A Planning Commission public hearing for this project has not yet been scheduled. Please contact the staff member below for further information about project status or a hearing date.

### **How to Submit Comments:**

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment from September 26, 2024, to October 28, 2024. Any comments you wish to submit should be submitted in writing no later than 5:30 p.m. on October 28, 2024, to the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department.

Written comments should be submitted via e-mail to:

<u>gnepomuceno@cityofredlands.org</u> Written comments may be mailed to:

City of Redlands, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department.

Attn: Gerard Nepomuceno, Civil Engineer P.O. Box 3005

Redlands, CA 92373-1505

Written comments may be submitted via facsimile to: (909)792-8715

Gerard Nepomuceno Civil Engineer 9/19/24

Signature Name Title Date

Deadline to submit public comments:
October 28, 2024 by 5:30 p.m.