

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Rose Avenue Bike Lanes Project

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County of Ventura is circulating the Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Rose Avenue Bike Lanes Project for public comment.

Project Location: Unincorporated Ventura County along North Rose Avenue, partially within the City of Oxnard. The project is divided into two segments, separated by approximately one mile. The southern segment is located along the segment of Rose Avenue from approximately 70 feet north of its intersection with East Stroube Street to approximately 200 feet north of its intersection with Simon Way; the northern segment is located along the segment of Rose Avenue from approximately 300 feet south of its intersection with Central Avenue to its intersection with State Route 118.

Project Description: The proposed project involves pavement widening and restriping of the roadway to accommodate Class II bike lanes on both sides of the road. The southern segment would include installation of concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. At the intersection at Rose Avenue and Walnut Drive, signal poles would be upgraded to improve driver visibility of approaching traffic lights. Additional signal equipment may also be incorporated, such as Lead Pedestrian Intervals to activate an early pedestrian crossing phase. The project would also include a maximum of 70,000 square feet of right-of-way acquisition (up to approximately 36,000 square feet for the southern segment and up to approximately 34,000 square feet for the northern segment), relocation of the water valves at the entrance of Rio Del Valle Junior High School and the school's message sign, and the relocation of approximately 34 utility poles (13 utility poles in the southern segment and 21 utility poles in the northern segment).

Document Availability: The IS-MND will be available for review at the following locations beginning on Thursday, April 4, 2024:

- County of Ventura, Hall of Administration, Survey Counter 800 S. Victoria Avenue #1620, Ventura, CA 93009
- County of Ventura website: https://www.vcpbublicworks.org/rt/declarations_of_intent/

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the IS-MND is from April 4, 2024, to May 6, 2024.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the County's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024. Written comments may be sent to: Yvette Perez, Staff Services Specialist, Ventura County Public Works Agency, Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Avenue #L1620, Ventura, CA 93009.

Comments may also be sent by e-mail to Yvette.Perez@ventura.org.

Project Impacts: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate potentially significant impacts related to Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous materials, Noise, and Tribal Cultural Resources below applicable

thresholds of significance. Additionally, the project site is not known to contain any significant hazardous waste contamination under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; however, there are eight known hazardous waste release sites within 1,000 feet of the project corridor.

Para asistencia en español, por favor de contacte al Departamento de Obras Publicas, del Condado de Ventura al (805) 654-2049.