

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This serves as the City of Placentia's Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

Name of Project: Atwood Multipurpose Trail

Project Location: The approximately 2.4-acre proposed project site is located within the community of Atwood in the City of Placentia. The proposed project area is bound by Orangethorpe Avenue to the north, BNSF/Metrolink railroad tracks to the west, Lakeview Avenue to the east, and Miraloma Avenue to the south.

Lead Agency: City of Placentia Public Works Department, 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

Project Description: The proposed project would be an approximately 20-foot-wide trail alongside the Atwood Channel right-of-way. The trail would include a paved multiuse path; midblock crossings with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) accessibility including modified sidewalks and curb ramps; access gates; a trailhead at Parque de Los Niños; new street signs; path striping and wayfinding signage; and landscaping along selected shoulders or best management practices adjacent to the path. Mid-block crossing options are identified and would be included at the mentioned bisected streets or intersections for providing residents with connection to residential areas and parks. Existing trail slope/grades would be maintained where possible. The proposed project would include the construction of a 1.0-mile-long segment multiuse trail stretching from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe (BNSF)/Metrolink rail line tracks to Lakeview Avenue to expand the City's bikeway network and enhance pedestrian and biking connectivity. A 0.1-mile-long segment from Jefferson Street to the BNSF/Metrolink railroad tracks that includes a trail extension and a bridge over the BNSF/railroad tracks is under consideration as "Optional to Be Determined" by the City and Caltrans.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-referenced project. The MND is based on the finding that the project's environmental effects would be less than significant with adherence to mitigation measures included in the Initial Study. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City. The Initial Study, the proposed MND, and supporting materials are available for review at the City of Placentia City Hall located at 401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and at the City website: <https://www.placentia.org/776/Environmental-Documents>.

Written comments regarding the proposed MND must be submitted to the City of Placentia **prior to 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the 30-day public review/comment period (July 7, 2023)**. All correspondence and any questions regarding the MND should be directed to the following City staff:

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Public Review Period: Begins June 8, 2023, and ends July 7, 2023

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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