

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the County of San Bernardino (County) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Sunburst Avenue Class I Bike Path and Class II Bike Lanes Project**.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located in the unincorporated community of Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County, California. The project site begins at the intersection of Sunburst Avenue and State Route 62 (SR-62; Twentynine Palms Highway) and continues north for approximately two miles to the intersection of Sunburst Avenue and Calle Los Amigos.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would include the following improvements:

- Rehabilitate the existing Class I bike path located along the east side of Sunburst Avenue from SR-62 north to Oleander Avenue (approximately 0.5 miles)
- Construct a new Class II bike lane on the east side of Sunburst Avenue from the termination of the existing Class I bike path (Oleander Avenue) north to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 1.5 miles)
- Construct a new Class II bike lane on the west side of Sunburst from State Route 62 north to Calle Los Amigos (approximately 2.0 miles)

The rehabilitation of the existing Class I bike path on the east side of Sunburst Avenue would include a 6.5-foot shoulder between the Sunburst Avenue and the bike path, an 8-foot paved concrete bike path, and a two-foot shoulder along the eastern edge of the bike path. The new Class II bike lanes would be approximately four to five feet wide with two-foot shoulders on each side. All improvements would occur within the existing Right-of-Way (ROW) of Sunburst Avenue.

Construction of the Proposed Project would include: earthwork, including minor excavation and grading; installation of signage; and painting of pavement striping and pavement markings. Construction staging would occur at the former Joshua Tree Elementary School parking lot, located at 6051 Sunburst Street, and adjacent to the new Joshua Tree Elementary School within Sunburst Avenue near the intersection with Cowan Lane.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the County has established a 30-day public review period beginning September 23, 2019 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than October 23, 2019 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

County of San Bernardino
Department of Public Works
825 E. Third Street
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0835

Joshua Tree Library
6465 Park Blvd.
Joshua Tree, CA
92252

The Draft IS/MND is also available online at:
<http://cms.sbcounty.gov/dpw/Home.aspx>