



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

Lead Agency: City of San Jacinto

Title: Esplanade Avenue Widening Project-Phase I

Review Period: December 30, 2019 through January 30, 2020

Project Description: The City of San Jacinto, as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing to implement the Esplanade Avenue Widening Project-Phase I (Proposed Project). The Proposed Project would widen 1.5-miles of Esplanade Avenue extending from Warren Road to Sanderson Avenue, a sidewalk on the north side of Esplanade, and an unlined channel for drainage. Traffic signals would be installed at Warren Road and Cawston Avenue.

The Proposed Project involves the acquisition of approximately 2.35 acres of land that would provide 56 feet (half width of a Major Highway designation of 112 feet) ROW on the north side of Esplanade Avenue. Minor pavement rehabilitation and striping would occur on the south side of Esplanade Avenue. Various intersection improvements would occur at Esplanade Avenue and Warren Road, Esplanade Avenue and Cawston Avenue, and Esplanade and Sanderson Avenue.

Project Location. The Proposed Project is located within and adjacent to Esplanade Avenue in the cities of San Jacinto and Hemet. The project would extend from the intersection of Esplanade Avenue and Warren Road to the intersection of Esplanade Avenue and Sanderson Avenue (see **Figure 1**).

Hazardous Waste Disclosure: Per Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, there are no open active cases for hazardous materials sites within the Proposed Project area or within 0.25-mile of the Proposed Project components.

Findings/Environmental Effects: The City of San Jacinto as the Lead Agency has prepared an IS/MND to provide the public and trustee and responsible agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the Proposed Project. The IS/MND describes potentially significant impacts on biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, transportation, and wildfire resources. Mitigation measures have been identified for these environmental topics to reduce

impacts to less than significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant and those with no environmental impacts are also described in the IS/MND. The City of San Jacinto has reviewed and considered the Proposed Project and has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The City of San Jacinto hereby proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this Project.

Public Review and Comment Deadline: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence on December 30, 2019, and end January 30, 2020, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received by the City of San Jacinto by **4:00 PM on January 30, 2020**. Comments provided by e-mail should include "City of San Jacinto Esplanade Avenue Widening Project-Phase I Comment" in the subject line. Copies of the IS/MND are available for review as described below.

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Document Availability: The IS/MND is available electronically at:
https://www.sanjacintoca.gov/city_departments/community-development/planning/c_e_q_a.
Hard copies of the IS/MND are available for public review during regular business hours at the following two local libraries and at the City of San Jacinto offices:

San Jacinto Public Library
595 S San Jacinto Ave
San Jacinto, CA 92583

Hemet Public Library
300 E Latham Ave
Hemet, CA 92543

City of San Jacinto
595 S. San Jacinto Avenue
San Jacinto, CA 92583

Public Meeting: The City of San Jacinto City Council will consider the adoption of the IS/MND at its meeting on February 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. City of San Jacinto Community Center, 625 S. Pico Avenue, San Jacinto, CA 92583 For more information, please contact Stuart McKibbin, City Engineer, at (951) 435-2108.
