



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Harvard Avenue and Michelson Drive Intersection Improvement Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Irvine is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Sections 21092, 21092.2, and 315070 of State of California, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the **PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION and INITIAL STUDY**, which support the proposed findings are on file at the City of Irvine.

Project Title: Harvard Avenue and Michelson Drive Intersection Improvement Project
Lead Agency: City of Irvine, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575
Applicant: City of Irvine, 1 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575
Project Location: The project site is located at the intersection of Harvard Avenue and Michelson Drive, within the City of Irvine, County of Orange.

Project Description: The proposed project improvements include the following: 1) on northbound Harvard Avenue – re-stripe to lengthen left-turn lane, maintain two through lanes, and restripe to provide a de facto right turn lane; 2) on southbound Harvard Avenue - add one left turn lane for a total of two left-turn lanes, maintain two through lanes and one right turn lane, provide a Class II on-street bike lane towards intersection stop line, add 10-foot off-street shared use path for bikes and pedestrians; 3) On eastbound Michelson Drive – maintain two left-turn lanes, two through lanes and remove non-standard free right-turn lane and replace with designated right-turn lane, add a 10-foot off-street shared use path for bikes and pedestrians; narrow west end of existing median; 4) on westbound Michelson Drive - maintain one left-turn lane, two through lanes, restripe to provide a Class II on-street bike lane towards intersection stop line; 5) on the northwest corner - remove existing right-turn lane into Irvine Lanes driveway and provide a 7-foot striped on-street bike lane with 3-foot buffer; and 6) other supporting improvements with signage, traffic signals, streetlights, utility relocations, drainage and water quality improvements, retaining walls, landscape, and lighting. The proposed Project is one of the mitigations identified in both 2010 and 2015 Irvine Business Complex (IBC) Vision Plan Traffic Studies and would improve circulation in both the short- and long-term to the intersection by providing capacity enhancements and improve circulation.

Info Available: The **Draft Initial Study - Mitigated Negative Declaration** and other project information are available for your review at the City's website at:
<https://www.cityofirvine.org/public-works-transportation-department/current-environmental-reviews>

Environmental Impact: Mitigation Measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects in the following areas:

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Public Services
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review Period: Begins: July 2, 2020 Ends: August 1, 2020
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Public Comments: In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, any written comments concerning the findings of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the City of Irvine no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 1, 2020 in order to be considered prior to the City's final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this 30-day public review period. Please send your comments to Wendy Wang, Associate Transportation Analyst, City of Irvine, Department of Public Works and Transportation, P.O. Box 19575, Irvine, CA 92623-9575.

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