

CITY OF CLOVIS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR CIP17-13 NEES AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – MINNEWAWA TO CLOVIS AVENUES
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW OF A
PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given, that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Clovis on August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, California, in order to consider the proposed Nees Avenue Improvements Project – Minnewawa to Clovis Avenues, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

The City of Clovis proposes to widen approximately one-half mile of Nees Avenue between Clovis Avenue and Minnewawa Avenue from a three-lane arterial to a four-lane arterial. The proposed Project would construct a new 12-foot outside travel lane on the north side of Nees Avenue, replace failing pavement as needed, and install a Class II bicycle lane and improved sidewalk that will complete pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the area. The proposed Project will involve earthwork, asphalt concrete paving, and installation of sidewalk, curb, curb returns and ramps, gutters, storm drain inlets, street lighting and retaining walls, and accessible pedestrian signal (APS) modifications to the street signal at Nees and Minnewawa Avenues. Widening Nees Avenue to accommodate an additional west-bound travel lane and install pedestrian and bicycle facilities will increase the safety and security of the transportation system, reduce traffic congestion and vehicle delays, improve service capacity during peak travel times, and provide complete street improvements for all modes of transportation. As part of the project, additional street right-of-way would be needed to accommodate the outside travel lane and greenbelt/sidewalks. The proposed project would require a 24,283 square foot acquisition of right-of-way across assessor's parcel number (APN) 560-051-10 and a 54,691 square foot acquisition of right-of-way across APN 560-051-25.

On the basis of the Initial Study, the environmental coordinator has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of proposed mitigation measures and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for review at City of Clovis, Planning and Development Department, 1033 Fifth Street, Planning and Development Department, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or online at www.cityofclovis.com. This notice is given in order to provide all parties an opportunity to be heard and to present their views regarding this application. If the commenter believes that the project may have a significant environmental effect, it would be helpful to identify the specific effect, explain why the effect would occur, and why it would be significant. The public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration is from July 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020. Comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on August 1, 2020. Please send your comments to Claudia Cázares, Management Analyst at 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612 or by email at claudiac@ci.clovis.ca.us. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Cázares by telephone at (559) 324-2387 or at the email address listed above.

If you would like to view the City Council Agenda and Staff Report on this matter, please visit the City of Clovis Website at www.cityofclovis.com. Select "Agendas" and then either "City Council Agendas" or "City Council Agenda Packets." The Agenda and Packets are published to the website 72 hours immediately preceding the City Council meeting when these matters will be heard.

If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Renee Smith, Interim PDS Director

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