



NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Project Name: Pittsburg Moves – Active Transportation Plan
Application No(s): AP-17-1280
Date: August 26, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pittsburg, as the Lead Agency, finds that no significant effect on the environment, as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, will occur for the following proposed project:

1. Project Proponent: City of Pittsburg Planning Division, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, California 94565
2. Project Description: The proposed Pittsburg Moves – Active Transportation Plan is intended to increase walking and biking in the city of Pittsburg. The Plan has two basic elements: 1) a set of policies, programs, and practices to support a robust and comfortable active transportation network near schools, parks, and transit stations, and 2) a comprehensive list of proposed improvements to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Proposed bicycle projects include shared-use bike paths, bike lanes and buffered bike lanes, bicycle boulevards and routes, and protected bike lanes. Proposed pedestrian projects include a wide range of crosswalk improvements: crosswalk striping, wayfinding signs, Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHBs), upgraded curb ramps, advanced yield markings and signs for drivers, raised crosswalks, median refuges, curb extensions to shorten crossings, and trail crossing signals.
3. Project Location: Citywide.
4. Findings: The following environmental factors have been identified as having a potentially significant impact before mitigation: Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

All other impacts in the categories – Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Wildfire – were found to be less than significant.

5. Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Sites: The Cortese List, consisting of databases identified in California Government Code Section 65962.5, was consulted to identify sites with known hazardous materials or waste contamination within the City. Active sites are dispersed across many parts of Pittsburg but clustered in the industrial area east of Harbor Street and north of Pittsburg-Antioch Highway and along Railroad Avenue and Willow Pass Road. Active transportation projects that involve the disturbance of soil at or near listed hazardous materials sites could potentially expose people and the environment to hazardous substances. For such projects, mitigation would require that the City investigate listed sites and, as necessary, remediate contaminants. This would ensure that people are not exposed to concentrations of hazardous materials that exceed screening-level thresholds.
6. Initial Study: The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for viewing on the City's website via the Environmental Review page at <http://www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us/publicreviews>. The Plan is available for viewing at this City webpage: <http://www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=972>. Background or reference materials related to the Initial Study can be reviewed upon request to the City of Pittsburg Planning Division. Due to active health orders from the Contra Costa County Health Services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, paper copies are not available at this time.
7. Public Review: The 30-day public review and comment period for this environmental determination will begin on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, and continuing through Thursday, September 24, 2020. Anyone who wishes to comment on the findings of this environmental analysis must submit these comment in writing to Hector J. Rojas, AICP, Senior Planner, at the address noted above, by email to hrojas@ci.pittsburg.ca.us. **Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on September 24, 2020.**
8. Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigate Negative Declaration: Notice is hereby given that the Pittsburg City Council plans to consider this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for adoption at a public hearing to be scheduled.
9. This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration does not signify approval or disapproval of this project by City decision-making bodies. The City Council will consider the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process to determine whether the project will have a significant impact on the environment.



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