



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PALOMAR STREET WIDENING PROJECT

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared by the City of Wildomar for the proposed Palomar Street Widening project (CIP No. 028-1). The IS/MND and technical appendices will be available for public review/comment beginning on **Thursday, September 24, 2020**. All files can be downloaded from the City of Wildomar Environmental Documents Center webpage at the following web address <https://www.cityofwildomar.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=9894827&pageId=10911316>. Due to COVID 19 and city hall closure no printed copies of the IS/MND document will be available for public review.

The project site is the portion of Palomar Street from Meadow Ridge Lane to the eastern City limits, and the portion of Clinton Keith Road from Renaissance Plaza to Stable Lanes Road, and the portion of Clinton Keith Road that intersects Palomar Street. The proposed project would improve connectivity for active transportation users by filling in sidewalk/trail gaps and adding bicycle lanes along two major commuter roadways in the City – Palomar Street and Clinton Keith Road. The proposed project would widen Palomar Street from two lanes to four lanes. Approximately 4,100 linear feet of Class II bicycle lanes, 530 linear feet of sidewalks and trails would be filled along Palomar Street. On Clinton Keith Road, 630 linear feet of sidewalk is proposed which would increase connectivity for pedestrians. The project includes the following applications for consideration by the Wildomar Planning Commission:

1. **Construction Easement:** Construction will require cut and fill outside of the public right of way (ROW). Construction easement(s) will be obtained by the City for the proposed project. The project requires work to be performed in the public right-of-way, and therefore, an encroachment permit is required.
2. **Grant Application:** It is the intention of the City to apply for grant funding for all or part of the proposed project.
3. **Encroachment Permit:** The City will issue an encroachment permit to the contractor(s) responsible for completing the work within the project area.

The IS/MND identifies impacts that require mitigation in the following topic areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. Significant and unavoidable impacts and cumulatively considerable impacts have not been identified in any of the environmental issue areas. The project is not located on any hazardous materials sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

In accordance with Sections 15072(a) and (b) of the CEQA Guidelines, this public notice is posted to officially notify the public, public agencies, and responsible and trustee agencies that the required 30-day public review/comment period will commence on **Thursday, September 24, 2020 and conclude on Friday, October 23, 2020**. Any written comments (via email or letter) on the IS/MND must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on **Friday, October 23, 2020**. Written comments may be mailed to Matthew C. Bassi, Planning Director, City of Wildomar Planning Department, 23873 Clinton Keith Road, Suite 201, Wildomar, CA 92595. Email comments can be sent to mbassi@cityofwildomar.org. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to review the IS/MND in early Spring 2021.

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