



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
MURRIETA HOT SPRINGS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (CIP NO. 8079)**

The City of Murrieta has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Murrieta Hot Springs Road Improvements Project (Capital Improvement Plan [CIP] No. 8079), which recommends that a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) be issued, and the City has authorized the release of the proposed IS/MND for public review and comment for the above project.

The project proposes to implement various improvements to Murrieta Hot Springs Road between Margarita Road and Winchester Road. The roadway would be widened from a 4-lane roadway to a 6-lane roadway between Via Princesa and Winchester Road, and restriped from a 4-lane roadway to a 6-lane roadway between Margarita Road and Via Princesa. In addition to the roadway widening, additional improvements would occur. Bike lanes would be added in each direction on Murrieta Hot Springs Road. A curbed median would be installed on Murrieta Hot Springs Road between Margarita Road and Winchester Road (except at the intersections). Street lighting would be installed along the alignment. The project would also construct curbs, gutters, catch basins, storm drains, and sidewalks along most of the alignment and both sides of the roadway. Curb access ramps would be installed at project intersections.

The City has prepared an IS/MND to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any unavoidable significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures. The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study begins on October 28, 2020 and ends on November 30, 2020.

Pursuant to the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, an electronic PDF of the Draft IS/MND is available for download on the City's website at www.murrietaca.gov/290/Public-Notices. Also, in accordance with the California Governor's Executive Order N-54-20, all materials shall be submitted electronically to the State Clearinghouse CEQAnet Web Portal (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>).

In addition, in the event that the Governor's Executive Order N-33-20 (commonly known as the "Stay at Home Order") is lifted during the public review and comment period, hard copies will then be available at the following locations:

- City of Murrieta Public Works / Engineering Division, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, California 92562
- Murrieta Public Library, 8 Town Square, Murrieta, California 92562

Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting their written comments before 5:00 pm on November 30, 2020. If you are interested in attending future public meetings for this project, submit your name and contact information or comments before 5:00 pm on November 30, 2020. Comments should be sent to James Ozouf, Associate Civil Engineer at the City of Murrieta, 1 Town Square, Murrieta, CA 92562. Please submit comments to Mr. Ozouf at (951) 461-6075 or at jozouf@murrietaca.gov