



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Who:** County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works
- What:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared and issued for the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works Templeton to Atascadero Connector Project. The County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department (County) is proposing to construct a multi-use recreational trail, the Templeton to Atascadero Connector Project (project). The project is located on the east side of Highway 101 and west of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks between Templeton and Atascadero, in the San Luis Obispo North County planning area (Salinas River sub area). The purpose of the project is to provide a pedestrian/bicycle trail between the communities of Templeton and Atascadero. The project is included in the County Parks and Recreation Element, County Bikeway Plan, and the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Regional Transportation Plan.
- The trail would be approximately 1 mile long and would extend from South Main Street in Templeton to San Ramon Road in Atascadero. The proposed trail has three different configurations along the project alignment: (a) a marked bike lane in the existing road shoulder for the northern-most 350 feet of the east side of South Main Street; (b) a 12-foot-wide trail with two 4-foot-wide lanes, two 2-foot shoulders, and a 4-foot-wide landscaped buffer, extending along the east side of South Main Street from the end of shoulder improvement in (a) to roughly the existing California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) laydown area; and (c) a 14-foot-wide trail with two 5-foot-wide lanes and two 2-foot-wide shoulders extending south between the UPRR line and Highway 101 for the remainder of the project alignment to San Ramon Road in Atascadero. The existing sidewalk on San Ramon Road would be widened by approximately 5 feet from the connection with the trail to the intersection with El Camino Real. The trail would include two clear span bridges over Paso Robles Creek and Graves Creek.
- Where:** Copies of the proposed MND and all the associated documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Public Works, 976 Osos Street, County Government Center Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408. The MND is also accessible on the Public Work's website at <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Templeton-Atascadero-Connector-MND>.
- Comments:** The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on November 25, 2020, and ends on January 4, 2021. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the review period and should be addressed to: Monica Stillman, Environmental Specialist, mjstillman@co.slo.ca.us, County Government Center, Room 206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.
- Public Hearing:** The County of San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for early 2021. Interested persons can access the Board of Supervisor's agenda at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm> to locate the date of the public hearing for this project.