



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

### **PROJECT TITLE:**

La Paloma Road to Robleda Road Off-Road Pathway

### **PROJECT LOCATION:**

**The project site is located west of Robleda Road and north of Atherton Court within an existing 20-foot-wide path and equestrian easement in the Town of Los Altos Hills, California 94022, within the County of Santa Clara. APNs: 175-36-047, 175-36-020, 175-37-034, & 175-37-033**

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project proposes to construct a native (compacted dirt) pathway connecting an existing pathway ending at the southern corner of the property at 13310 La Paloma Road to the existing pathway along Robleda Road. The proposed pathway would be approximately 3-4 feet wide and 1,000 feet in length. The pathway would be constructed within an existing 20-foot-wide path and equestrian easement located west of Robleda Road and north of Atherton Court.

The proposed pathway includes construction of several physical improvements, including retaining walls, two pedestrian bridges, and a staircase in order to facilitate pathway construction and pedestrian access and travel on the proposed pathway. The alignment of the pathway is designed to avoid the existing riparian areas along the intermittent drainage channel and to avoid any construction within the drainage channel banks.

The retaining walls will be placed along the path for slope stabilization purposes. The retaining walls would be less than three feet in height and be located on the upslope side of the proposed path (non-channel side) along the steepest sections of the pathway on the eastern end of the alignment near Robleda Road.

The two pedestrian bridges would be constructed at the eastern and western ends of the alignment where the proposed pathway crosses the intermittent drainage channel. The bridges would be clear span (i.e., no bridge footings would be placed within drainage channel banks and no fill is proposed for areas below the ordinary high-water line of the intermittent drainage channel).

A pedestrian staircase leading adjacent to Robleda Road would be constructed at the eastern end of the alignment to connect the proposed pathway to the existing pathway along Robleda Road.

### **SURROUNDING LAND USES AND SETTING:**

The proposed pathway would be constructed within the boundaries of an existing 20-foot-wide path and equestrian easement located in an area developed with low-density single-family residences. The proposed alignment is separated from the surrounding residences by steep hillsides and vegetation. The alignment follows alongside an intermittent drainage channel within a riparian corridor. Existing pedestrian pathways are located at each end of the proposed alignment.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

From **Friday, December 18, 2020 at 8:00 am** to **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm** the public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and submit written comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES:**

A public meeting to receive comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held by the Los Altos Hills Planning Commission on **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm**. The link to access the virtual public hearing will be posted on the Town's website. The Commission will then forward their recommendation and comments to the City Council. The City Council meeting to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is anticipated on February 18, 2021.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:**

Copies of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration would normally be available for review at Town Hall during normal business hours. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is limited public access to Town Hall, therefore, the document will be available online at <https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/178/Planning-Department>. Please contact the Town if a hardcopy of the document is needed.

**DECLARATION:**

Based on the Initial Study dated December 2020, the staff has determined:

- ✓ The project site does NOT appear on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites, and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that section.
- ✓ Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by, or agreed to by, the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be adopted.

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED BY:**

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