



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Sonoma County Clerk

Project Title: Elliott Avenue Pilot Closure Project

Lead Agency: Sonoma County Junior College District, 1501 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

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Review Period: January 22, 2021 to February 22, 2021

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the Sonoma County Junior College District (District) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Elliott Avenue Pilot Closure Project.

Project Description and Location

The proposed project is an initiative between the District and the City of Santa Rosa to evaluate the potential for improved student and pedestrian circulation and safety along Elliott Avenue. The pilot project would involve closure of an approximately 500-foot segment of Elliott Avenue between the western and eastern driveways of the Emeritus Circle parking lot at the Santa Rosa Junior College campus during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters. The closed segment would be dedicated for use by students and pedestrians to more safely connect campus facilities north and south of Elliott Avenue. The closed section would remain accessible to first responders, including ambulances and Santa Rosa Fire and Police Department vehicles, but would be closed to normal vehicular traffic. During the pilot phase, the Junior College District and the City of Santa Rosa would monitor the local roadway system in the neighborhood to directly observe changes in circulation and traffic diversion patterns. As this project would first be in a pilot phase, the closure may or may not be permanent depending on the success of the project in its pilot form. Permanent closure, if proposed by the District and the City of Santa Rosa, would be considered in Fall of 2022, pending future approvals.

Providing Comments

A 30-day public review period will extend from January 22, 2021 to February 22, 2021. The IS/MND will be available for public review online at <https://bond.santarosa.edu/>. Please e-mail any comments on the IS/MND by 5 PM on February 22, 2021 to Serafin Fernandez at sfernandez2@santarosa.edu.

After the review period closes, the District Board of Trustees will consider adopting the IS/MND for the project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM. We encourage you to check the District's webpage to confirm the date, time, location and format (live or online) of the Board meeting at the following website address: <https://www.boarddocs.com/ca/santarosa/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>.