

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	City of Avalon, California
Project Name:	Cabrillo Mole Phase II Redevelopment Project
Project Description:	<p>The Cabrillo Mole (Mole) is a multimodal transportation hub used by cross-channel carrier passengers traveling between the mainland and Avalon and as a gathering place for residents and visitors. It is the primary point of entry; and thus, it serves as the gateway to the City of Avalon and Santa Catalina Island.</p> <p>As proposed, Phase II of the redevelopment process would build on Phase I improvements which were completed in late 2020. Phase I improvements were comprised of reinforcements to the concrete wharf structure and portions of the concrete slab on the Mole to ensure continued safe and reliable operation. Phase II improvements would replace and reconfigure the structure(s) on the Mole, improve pedestrian/passenger gathering/queuing areas and improve adjacent transportation circulation to better facilitate multimodal connectivity. As envisioned, Phase II improvements would include a new two-story building designed to accommodate existing commercial tenants (i.e., recreational tour services, deli, baggage services, ticketing operations, administrative offices and harbor operations) and new space for a restaurant/bar and similar complementary uses that take advantage of this unique location.</p>
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The proposed project as described herein is comprised of Phase II improvements on the existing Cabrillo Mole and adjacent parking lot, sidewalk and queuing area in the City of Avalon, on Santa Catalina Island, California. Phase II improvements would be restricted to upland and existing developed areas only. No work would occur in the water. See attached map.
<p>This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency’s office, located at: City of Avalon Planning Department, 450 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon CA 90704.	
The proposed Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format by the following method: www.cityofavalon.com/fivecorner	
Lead Agency address: 450 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon, CA 90704.	
Comments will be received from March 15, 2021 to April 15, 2021	

Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency on or prior to April 15, 2021. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on: City of Avalon Council Meeting

Date: April 21, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received
for Filing: _____

Staff

(Clerk Stamp Here)

Title