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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the County of Yolo, as lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the below referenced project. The IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, Yolo County has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the IS/MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

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**PROJECT TITLE:** County Road 98 Bike and Safety Improvement Project, Phase II

**PROJECT LOCATION:** On County Road 98 from approximately 1300 feet south of County Road 29 to the Solano County Line, west of the City of Davis, in Yolo County, California

**NOTE:** The original Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH# 2021060090) issued on June 4, 2021, has been revised and recirculated for a new 30-day public review period, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5. Changes to the IS/MND include:

- Added information in the Initial Study under **Project Description** to address right-of-way acquisition and compensation to landowners and conservation easement holders, including coordination thereof.
- Revised information in the *Environmental Setting* of Section 5.2 (**Agricultural Resources**) to update and describe the project's review as a state-funded project, and the results concluded under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form NRCS-CPA-106; updated appended Farmland Study memo.
- Further description of the County's criteria for determining thresholds of significance to an agricultural resource (Section 5.2).
- Correction to acreage for farmland under conservation easements (Section 5.2).
- Revised information in the *Environmental Setting* of Section 5.1 (**Hydrology and Water Quality**) to update and describe the project's internal and peer review process as it relates to hydraulic design and meeting the requirements of FEMA; and, inclusion of a Hydraulics Report as an appendix.

The decision to recirculate the IS/MND was based on new information provided during the public review from June 4, 2021, to July 3, 2021; however, no new avoidable significant effects have been

identified and no new mitigation measures have been proposed.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Yolo County Department of Community Services, Public Works Division (County), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Division of Local Assistance are proposing to implement the second phase of the County Road (CR) 98 Bike and Safety Improvement Project, which will widen and improve shoulders along CR 98. Roundabouts will be constructed at the intersections with CR 31 (Covell Boulevard), CR 32 (Russell Boulevard), and Hutchison Drive. Implementation of the Project will require the relocation of drainage ditches and utilities outside the clear recovery zone, which will include extension, replacement, and/or relocation of existing drainage structures to accommodate the widened road. All construction staging will occur within the existing right-of-way. The purpose of the Project is to improve public safety while traveling on the roadway. Construction of this Project is planned to commence in spring 2025 or later and to be completed within two construction seasons. A more detailed project description is provided in Section 4 of the Initial Study.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A new 30-day public review period of the IS/MND will commence **on 23 August 2021, and end on 22 September 2021**, during which time interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND must be received at the above address within the public review period.

**AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:** The IS/MND is now available for public review at the following location during business hours: Yolo County Community Services Department, 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Due to modified public hours in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is recommended to verify hours by calling (530) 666-8775.

**The IS/MND has been posted to the Yolo County web site and may be downloaded and printed at:** <https://www.yolocounty.org/government/general-government-departments/community-services/planning-division/current-projects>. A PDF digital file of the IS/MND, or a hard (paper) copy of the IS/MND, is also available upon request from the Planning Division at the address or e-mail below.

The IS/MND may be obtained from, and comments (written, e-mailed, or oral) may be directed to:

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All interested parties are invited to send written communications to the Yolo County Community Services Department no later than commencement of the public review period.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b)(2) and other provisions of law, any lawsuit challenging the approval of a project described in this notice shall be limited to only those issues raised or described in written correspondence delivered for consideration before the public comment period is closed.