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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: City of Beaumont Planning Department
DATE: July 8, 2021
SUBJECT: Pennsylvania Avenue Widening Project

Project Description: The Project proposes to widen and add two additional lanes to Pennsylvania Avenue, between 1st Street and 6th Street, consistent with the City of Beaumont General Plan Roadway Classification. Improvements would be within existing right-of-way except for areas requiring easements for stormwater infrastructure and temporary construction easements for property frontage improvements and minor utility relocations. Improvements to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at-grade crossing and I-10 Freeway ramp terminals within Caltrans right-of-way would be made. Pedestrian access with a new sidewalk would be provided for the length of the Project on the west side and impacted intersections would be brought up to current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Construction would occur in three estimated phases: storm drain and utility relocations and widening to the north and south of the UPRR tracks (4 months); temporary closure of the at-grade UPRR crossing to construct improvements (1 month); construction within the center of the roadway north of the tracks and final paving (3 months).

Environmental Determination: An Initial Study was prepared to examine potential areas of impact resulting from the proposed Project. The Initial Study found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment with compliance with required regulatory permit conditions and with the required implementation of mitigation and avoidance measures for biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, hazardous materials, and noise. As a result, an Environmental Impact Report is not required, and a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

Availability of Documents: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is now available for public review at the City of Beaumont, Planning Department, 550 East 6th Street, Beaumont, California 92223. The City Offices are now open, and please be prepared to follow current COVID protocols (social distancing and masks). The document **can also be accessed online** at <https://www.beaumontca.gov/1125/Planning-Projects>.

Comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: The City of Beaumont requests any comments you may have on the IS/MND during a **30-day review period**, which **commences on July 8, 2021** and **ends on August 7, 2021**. Please submit any comments you may have in writing (letter or e-mail) by the end date listed above to:

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