

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT TITLE: South Valley Middle School Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gilroy Unified School District (District), as Lead Agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the South Valley Middle School Modernization Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). An IS/MND is a detailed informational document that analyzes a proposed project's potentially significant environmental impacts, as well as identifying ways to minimize and mitigate such effects. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft IS/MND.

PROJECT LOCATION: 385 I.O.O.F Avenue, Gilroy, CA 95020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Gilroy Unified School District (District) proposes to replace all facilities on the existing South Valley Middle School campus. The buildings, utilities, and systems have reached their end of life and require replacement. Replacement structures include, but are not limited to, approximately 44 classrooms, administration, library, multi-use/cafeteria building, gymnasium and associated facilities, basketball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds and fields; all sanitary, storm, electrical, plumbing, fire alarm and fire protection systems.

As part of the proposed project, the District proposes to reconfigure access to the campus by relocating the school driveways from their current locations on I.O.O.F. Avenue to Murray Avenue as part of a campus modernization plan. The intent of moving the access points is to alleviate congestion on I.O.O.F. Avenue by shifting the school access further away from the neighboring Gilroy Prep School and the District maintenance and transportation department, both of which have driveways on I.O.O.F. Avenue.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(f)(2), and based on the environmental analysis in the Initial Study, the District has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The District will make this NOI and the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) available for public review and comment from August 13, 2021 to September 13, 2021.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

CEQA Questions and Comments
Gilroy Unified School District
Attention: Ms. Marissa Van Patten
7810 Arroyo Circle
Gilroy, California 95020

Email: marissa.vanpatten@gilroyunified.org

Please include "South Valley Middle School Modernization" in the subject line

PUBLIC MEETING: District will hold a public meeting on September 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM available at:

<https://www.gilroyunified.org/>

All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- District Administrative Office located at 7810 Arroyo Circle, Gilroy, CA
- Online at <https://www.gilroyunified.org/departments/business-services/facilities>