

CITY OF PORTERVILLE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE VILLA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Porterville (City) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Villa Street Reconstruction Project (Project). The public hearing will be held at the City of Porterville - City Hall, in the City Council Chambers, located at 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Participation in the meeting will also be available via Zoom, login information for the Zoom call will be included in the agenda packet which will post to the City's website on Friday, November 12, 2021.

The City of Porterville proposes to reconstruct a portion of Villa Street between Olive and Henderson Avenues, approximately one mile in length, to provide safe, improved access to retail opportunities, job centers, housing and other facilities in the city. The reconstruction would include the widening of Villa Street to the standard width of 60 ft right of way; upgrading traffic signal equipment at the intersections at Putnam Avenue and Morton Avenue; replacement of the bridge over Porter Slough; installation of a box culvert at Porter Slough; and the extension of the existing pipe culvert at Porter Slough Ditch. The activities located near the slough would most likely require environmental permitting efforts associated with the crossing of Porter Slough. The reconstruction would also entail the installation of new concrete improvements where necessary along the one-mile stretch. Some of these activities would involve property acquisition as necessary.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The City has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 291 North Main Street, Porterville, CA 93257. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on October 1, 2021, and end on November 1, 2021. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.