

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE INTERSTATE 80/RICHARDS BOULEVARD INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

The City of Davis, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to reconstruct the westbound ramps at the Interstate 80 (I-80)/Richards Boulevard interchange in the City of Davis by converting from a cloverleaf to a tight diamond configuration, construct a grade-separated bicycle and pedestrian path along the west side of Richards Boulevard, and make other related improvements to relieve existing congestion at the interchange to accommodate increased traffic demand generated by approved and/or proposed developments in the project area and to reduce conflicts between bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles.

The City of Davis, in cooperation with Caltrans, has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of CEQA, in general, and the Initial Study specifically, is to inform the project decision-makers and the public about the proposed project, including a disclosure of potential environmental effects and such measures proposed to reduce the severity of any impacts that may be considered significant. The Initial Study shows that there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the project as mitigated may have a significant effect on the environment.

Notice Duration. There is a 30-day review period for the Initial Study pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, which begins on February 25, 2022, and ends on March 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2022.

Written comments should be sent to: City of Davis, Department of Public Works, Engineering & Transportation Department, Attn: Kevin Fong, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer, 1717 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616. Or via email to: kfong@cityofdavis.org.

If submitting written comments, please include your name and an address, e-mail, or phone number where you may be contacted.

The Initial Study will be available for review at the City of Davis, Department of Public Works, Engineering & Transportation Department, 1717 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A copy of the Initial Study may also be viewed online at <https://www.cityofdavis.org/city-hall/improvement-projects/richards-boulevard-i-80-interchange-improvements>