



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
MODOC ROAD BIKE PATH PROJECT**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department proposes to construct a multi-use bike/pedestrian path along the south side of Modoc Road west of the Via Senda intersection. This project would complement the recently completed City of Santa Barbara's Las Positas-Modoc Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The subject project is located approximately 0.25 miles south of the U.S. Highway 101/State Route 154 interchange, Santa Barbara County, Second Supervisorial District.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Public Works Department is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). You may comment by submitting written or oral comments to the Project Environmental Planner identified below prior to the close of the public comment period at 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2022.

PROJECT DETAILS: The proposed project involves expanding the existing Class 2 bike lane to a Class 1 multi-use bike/pedestrian path along the south side of Modoc Road. The proposed bike path alignment extends approximately 3,930 feet from near the western Encore Drive intersection to near the Via Senda intersection. The western end of the proposed bike path would tie into an existing bike path about 50 feet south of the Modoc Road/Encore Drive intersection. The eastern terminus of the proposed bike path would be about 30 feet west of Via Senda along the southern shoulder of Modoc Road. Most of bike path would be located south of the Modoc Road shoulder, with a meandering alignment along an existing trail to avoid mature trees. A portion of the bike path would be located outside the public right-of-way on the Modoc Preserve, which is managed as open space under a conservation easement by The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County. Santa Barbara County would obtain an easement for portions of the bike path outside the Modoc Road right-of-way.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The Public Works Department has prepared a draft MND pursuant to Section 15070 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County of Santa Barbara Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. Preparation of an MND reflects the County's opinion that any significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed project would be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures; therefore, the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: **biological resources, cultural resources, fire protection, noise and water resources.**

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft MND and all documents referenced in the MND may be reviewed at the Public Works Department offices located at 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. The draft MND is also available for review at the Santa Barbara Library (40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara) and the Goleta Branch Library (500 North Fairview Avenue, Goleta). The draft MND and related notices and document can also be downloaded from the Public Works Department's website, at <https://www.countyofsb.org/2724/Planned-Projects>.

HOW TO COMMENT: Comments should be provided to the Project Environmental Project Team Leader, Morgan Jones, at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, mmjones@countyofsb.org or (805) 568-3059 prior to the close of the public comment period at 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2022. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc.

Note that if you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.