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TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: **Notice of Availability** and **Notice of Intent** to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bluebird Canyon Drive Evacuation Route Widening Project - CIP 21-9454

This serves as the City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department's Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bluebird Canyon Drive Evacuation Route Widening Project - CIP 21-9454 (DR 22-1243 and CDP 22-1244), prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

PROJECT TITLE: Bluebird Canyon Drive Evacuation Route Widening Project - CIP 21-9454 (DR- 22-1243 and CDP- 1244)

PROJECT LOCATION: Bluebird Canyon Drive from 800 feet east of Oriole Drive to Rancho Laguna Road, City of Laguna Beach, County of Orange

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department is proposing the Bluebird Canyon Drive Evacuation Route Widening Project. Bluebird Canyon Drive is a key evacuation route, and the Project proposes to widen the road to improve emergency vehicular egress. This need for an egress route in this location is identified in the City's *Wildfire Mitigation and Fire Safety Report*, approved by the City Council in 2019. The proposed Project would address the needs by constructing a new wood lagging retaining wall with drilled concrete caissons, engineered fill, paving, metal beam guard rail, drainage modifications, and landscaping improvements on the north side of Bluebird Canyon Drive. The construction duration is estimated to be approximately eight months to complete. Typical construction methods would be employed (e.g., clearing and grubbing, cast-in-drilled hole foundations, retaining walls, new asphalt pavement construction, earthwork and grading, and street improvements). Construction is expected to commence in late 2022 and be completed by the end of 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, through compliance with the Mitigation Measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for a 30-day review period from **June 24, 2022 through July 24, 2022**. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated documents may be viewed at the following locations:

- City of Laguna Beach Public Works Office, 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651
- City of Laguna Beach Website: www.lagunabeachcity.net/bluebird_widening

For questions regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration contact Mr. Pierre Sawaya, Project Manager, Tel. (949) 497-0751, E-mail: psawaya@lagunabeachcity.net

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and received by the City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 24, 2022, in order to be considered prior to the final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please mail or email your written comments to: Mr. Pierre Sawaya, Project Manager, Tel. (949) 497-0751, E-mail: psawaya@lagunabeachcity.net



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Ending Date: July 24, 2022

CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH HEARING:

A public hearing to review this project will be scheduled in 2022. Additional public noticing regarding the date, time, and place of the hearing will be provided.

Date: June 24, 2022

Signature: 

Pierre Sawaya

Title: Project Manager

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