



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR A DRAFT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
June 30, 2022**

SAN JOSE CREEK MULTIPURPOSE PATH PROJECT

located along San Jose Creek from Calle Real to Atascadero Creek Bicycle Path

Public Right of Way and Multiple APN's

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path Project, described below, and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft IS-MND. The public review period commences on Friday July 1, 2022 and will conclude on Monday August 1, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments to the City of Goleta ATTN: Planning and Environmental Review, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of Laura Bridley, Contract Planner (Lbridley@cityofgoleta.org) and Teresa Lopes (TLopes@cityofgoleta.org) for the Public Works Department. All comments must be received no later than Monday, August 1, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.

Project Location: The project site is located adjacent to the west side of San Jose Creek from Calle Real to Armitos Avenue (northern segment), and from Kellogg Avenue south of Hollister Avenue crossing over the San Jose Creek channel and extend along the west side of SR 217 before crossing under State Route (SR) 217, to connect with the existing Atascadero Creek Bikeway/Obern Trail/Coast Route on the east side of SR 217 (southern segment). The northern segment will cross under Calle Real, US 101 and the UPRR bridge over San Jose Creek and is located in the City, and would be constructed primarily within the existing City right-of-way and cross into UPRR and Caltrans rights-of-way. The southern segment of the project is located in the City, coastal zone and the County of Santa Barbara, and would be constructed primarily within the existing Caltrans right-of-way. Partial right-of-way acquisition would occur throughout the project site, at APN 071-035-CA, APN 071-090-048, APN 071-090-047, APN 071-090-074, APN 071-090-083, APN 071-010-010, APN 071-090-082, APN 069-160-013, APN 071-200-011, and APN 071-140-055.

Project Description:

Northern Segment: The northern segment of the project would construct a paved multipurpose path approximately 2,400 feet in length and ranging from 10 to 14 feet in width. There are 15 sections of retaining walls proposed throughout the northern segment. Excavation depth for the project would be approximately 8 feet at spread footing wall foundations to up to 40 feet at retaining wall locations with soldier pile wall foundations. The project would construct sections of path on both the north side and south side of Calle Real tying into the existing sidewalk and Class II bicycle lanes. The improvements at Calle Real include the reconstruction of a segment of the existing sidewalk on the north side of Calle Real at the multipurpose path tie-in and include retaining walls and concrete barriers. The portion of the project tying into the south side of Calle Real would be located between the Calle Real and the Caltrans right-of-way at US 101. Within this segment, it is anticipated that the existing guard rail, attached to the existing Calle Real Bridge, would need to be extended west within the project limits. In coordination with UPRR, additional railroad ties would be added to close any gaps between the existing railroad ties, creating a solid deck above the proposed multipurpose path.

Southern Segment: The southern segment of the project would construct a multipurpose path approximately 1 mile in length and ranging from 8 to 12 feet in width. A bicycle/pedestrian bridge would be constructed at the north end of the project to provide access from South Kellogg Avenue over the

San Jose Creek channel. The bridge would be approximately 350 feet long and 12 feet wide to accommodate a 5-foot-lane in each direction and chain link railing on each side. A 2-foot concrete barrier and bicycle/pedestrian rail would be constructed to separate the multipurpose path from SR 217. At the south end of the project site, a box culvert would be constructed to provide access under SR 217, a minimum of 39 feet north of the SR 217 end of bridge, before connecting the project to the existing Class I Atascadero Creek Bikeway (Obern Trail/Coast Route). The box culvert would have a minimum 8-foot vertical clearance and 14-foot width, with a length of approximately 144 feet. The cast-in-drilled-hole pile and driven steel pipe pile foundations for the bridge and the culvert, respectively, would be approximately 50 feet in depth. Work would be outside the top of bank and the active channel of San Jose Creek.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The proposed Draft IS-MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000 et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 15000, et seq.), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines. The City of Goleta is acting as the Lead Agency in coordination with Caltrans who is acting as a Responsible Agency for this project.

The Draft IS-MND identifies and discusses potential impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring requirements, and residual impacts for identified environmental issue areas. No significant and unavoidable impacts are identified as resulting from the project. Potentially significant but mitigable effects on the environment are anticipated in the following areas: aesthetics, biological resources, geology/soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, wildfire, and mandatory findings of significance.

CORTESE LIST: The site is not located on the State Water Resources Control Board's (RWQCB's) GeoTracker or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control's EnviroStor databases for contaminated sites or Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites, as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (the "Cortese list").

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY and FURTHER INFORMATION: The Draft IS-MND is posted on the City's website at www.cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/planning-and-environmental-review/ceqa-review. Copies of the Draft IS-MND are also available in electronic format (CD) for \$7.00 per CD. For more information about this project, contact Laura Bridley, Contract Planner, at (805) 896-2153.

PUBLIC COMMENT: All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the environmental analysis and project. All letters should be addressed to Laura Bridley, (Lbridley@cityofgoleta.org) and Teresa Lopes (TLopes@cityofgoleta.org), Goleta City Hall, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117. Letters must be received prior to the end of the public review period. For inquiries in Spanish, please contact City staff at 805-562-5500 or espanol@cityofgoleta.org.

REVIEW PROCESS: The upcoming steps in the review process are: 1) Public review period on the Draft IS-MND between July 1, 2022 through Monday August 1, 2022 at 12:00 P.M. A Public Hearing to consider and take action on the IS-MND will be scheduled before City Council, the decision maker for this project. The date for this hearing has not been determined and additional notice will be provided accordingly.

Note: The complete application and project file, including any environmental analysis prepared in connection with the application, are currently only available electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may request a copy of these materials from the staff planner as instructed above.

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