



# CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

## Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PRADO ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (EID-0459-2020)

The City of San Luis Obispo has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Prado Road Bridge Replacement Project. The IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Recreation, Transportation, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The project is located approximately 1,400 feet east of U.S. Highway 101 on the western segment of the signalized intersection of Prado Road and South Higuera Street. Based on a search of the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker database, California Department of Toxic Substance Control's EnviroStor database, and CalEPA's Cortese List website, there are no active hazardous waste cleanup sites within the project site.

The City of San Luis Obispo proposes to replace the existing Prado Road Bridge over San Luis Obispo Creek with a wider, single-span bridge structure and construct roadway improvements to Prado Road and the Prado Road/South Higuera Street intersection. The project also includes the restoration and enhancement of an approximately 0.753-acre off-site mitigation area located within the Righetti Ranch development area in the vicinity of the Tank Farm Road/Orcutt Road/Union Pacific Railroad corridor to offset unavoidable temporary and permanent project-related impacts to riparian habitat and jurisdictional water features. The project also includes construction of a noise barrier wall to be located along the northeastern corner of the Prado Road/South Higuera Street intersection to reduce vehicle-related noise impacts to nearby residential uses.

Reference copies of the IS/MND are available at the City's website at: <https://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/documents-online/environmental-review-documents>. To arrange alternative means to view the study, please contact Wyatt Banker-Hix at [wbanker@slocity.org](mailto:wbanker@slocity.org) or 805-783-7859. The 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will extend from Friday, July 15, 2022, to Monday, August 15, 2022. Anyone interested in commenting on the document should submit a written statement to the City of San Luis Obispo, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Attention: Wyatt Banker Hix, Engineer III, or by email to [wbanker@slocity.org](mailto:wbanker@slocity.org), by 5:00 p.m., August 15, 2022.

A public meeting is tentatively scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on July 26, 2022, to evaluate the project. Interested persons are welcome to attend at 25 Prado Road, San Luis Obispo CA 93401, the City Corporation Yard.