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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Project Title:** Castro Street Pedestrian Mall Study

**City/County:** City of Mountain View, County of Santa Clara, California

**Public Review Period:** September 8, 2022, to September 28, 2022

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Mountain View finds that no significant effect on the environment, as prescribed by the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, will occur for the Castro Street Pedestrian Mall Study (Project) in the city of Mountain View. The Draft Initial Study - Negative Declaration (IS-ND) will be available beginning on September 8, 2022, for review and comment by the public and all interested persons, agencies, and organizations for a period of 20 days, ending September 28, 2022. All comments on the draft IS-ND must be received by that date.

**Project Location:** The project area includes three segments of Castro Street (1) between West Evelyn Avenue (east leg) and Villa Street; (2) between Villa Street and Dana Street; and (3) between Dana Street and California Street in the City of Mountain View, County of Santa Clara.

**Project Description:** The city intends to establish a pedestrian mall on the following three segments of Castro Street: (1) between West Evelyn Avenue (east leg) and Villa Street; (2) between Villa Street and Dana Street; and (3) between Dana Street and California Street. Vehicular through-traffic access on the cross-streets along Evelyn Avenue, Villa Street, Dana Street, and California Street will remain open. The city plans to utilize the pedestrian mall for outdoor dining, public use areas, special events and enhanced pedestrian circulation. Motor vehicle traffic will be prohibited on the proposed pedestrian malls except for emergency and utility maintenance vehicles.

To facilitate the project, the intersections of Castro/California, Castro/Dana and Castro/Villa will be modified to prohibit vehicles from accessing Castro Street and to improve the overall pedestrian experience.

There is no new development proposed as part of this project. The purpose of this analysis is to evaluate potential environmental impacts as a result of closing the above-described segments of Castro Street to vehicular traffic in order to create a pedestrian mall.

The City of Mountain View completed an Initial Study for the proposed project. The Initial Study found the project would have a less-than-significant impacts in the areas of Aesthetics, Agriculture & Forestry, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality,

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Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire. Based on the Initial Study, the city has determined that preparation of a Negative Declaration is appropriate for the project described above.

**Availability of the Draft Initial Study - Negative Declaration:** The draft IS- ND will be available for review beginning on September 8, 2022, at the following locations:

- City of Mountain View's Public Works Department Counter and City Clerk's office located at 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, California, 94041.
- Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View.
- City of Mountain View project website: [www.mountainview.gov/pedmall](http://www.mountainview.gov/pedmall)

Comments may be submitted in writing to Public Works Department at the mailing address listed above or via email at [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov). Please reference "Castro Pedestrian Mall" in your comments.

**Public Hearing:** Public hearing for this project is set to occur on October 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, California, 94041 and via a remote public meeting by video conference, the details of which will be published on October 11, 2022 agenda posted no later than Friday, October 7, 2022, at [mountainview.legistar.com](http://mountainview.legistar.com)

If you challenge any decision to this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public meeting or hearing described in this notice, or in a written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public meeting or hearing.