

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of Highland (City) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **City Creek-Alabama Street Bikeways Project**.

Project Location: The Proposed Project would be located along the west levee of City Creek from Base Line to Alabama Street within the City of Highland and along both sides of Alabama Street from 3rd Street south approximately 2,000 feet within the limits of the cities of Highland and San Bernardino.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would build 1.7 miles of new Class I bikeway on the west City Creek levee between Base Line and Alabama Street and 0.6 miles of new Class I/Class II bikeways along Alabama Street between 3rd Street and the south limits of the cities of Highland and San Bernardino.

The Class I bikeway located along the west City Creek levee would consist of a 14-foot-wide Portland cement concrete (PCC) trail with two five-foot wide bicycle lanes, one four-foot-wide pedestrian lane, and two-foot graded shoulders on each side. The Class I bikeway would connect to the existing Boulder Avenue bridge undercrossing and a new State Route 210 (SR-210) undercrossing would be built as part of the Proposed Project. The proposed Class I bikeway would connect to existing Class II bikeways along 5th Street/Greenspot Road. Trail users would use the existing crosswalk at the intersection of 5th Street and Church Street to travel to the south side of 5th Street and connect to the Class I bikeway on the south side of 5th Street/Greenspot Road. The Class I bikeway would also include a crossing at its intersection with the existing Robertson's Ready Mix driveway located approximately 500 feet northeast of Alabama Road. A rest area would also be included along the trail. Potential locations for the rest area would be along the trail near Base Line Street or near Boulder Avenue.

On the northbound side of Alabama Street, a Class I bikeway would be provided from the southern limits of the Proposed Project north to approximately the City Creek levee. From this point north to 3rd Street the Class I bikeway would become a Class II bikeway. The northbound Class I bikeway in this area would include a two-foot-wide barrier separating the bikeway from vehicle travel lanes, a four-foot-wide pedestrian lane, two four-foot-wide bicycle lanes, and a two-foot-wide buffer. The northbound Class II bikeway would consist of a six-foot wide asphalt concrete (ac) bicycle lane.

On the southbound side of Alabama Street, a Class II bikeway would be provided from the intersection of Alabama Street and 3rd Street to the southern limits of the Proposed Project. The southbound Class II bikeway would include a bicycle lane that varies from six to eight feet wide. The southern portion of the Class II bikeway would also include a 16-foot-wide buffer separating the bicycle lane from vehicle travel lanes.

Construction activities associated with the Proposed Project include: earthwork, including excavation and grading; placement of pavement; construction of retaining walls; installation of fencing, railing, access gates, trail delineators, and signage; painting of pavement striping and pavement markings; and construction of appurtenant features. Construction staging would be on the north side of 5th Street, east of City Creek.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the City has established a 30-day public review period beginning September 16, 2022 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than October 17, 2022 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

City of Highland
27215 Base Line
Highland, CA 92346

The Draft IS/MND is also available online at:
<http://www.cityofhighland.org/PublicNotices/>