

MARIPOSA COUNTY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MARIPOSA CREEK PARKWAY PHASE III AND TRAILHEAD PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mariposa (County) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Mariposa Creek Parkway Phase III and Trailhead Project (Project). The Local Transportation Commission will lead the decision for the adoption at the Board of Supervisors meeting at Mariposa County Chambers, located at 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, CA 95338 on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 9:00 am.

Mariposa County proposes to carry out Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan. The Project includes the development of a multi-use (bicycle and pedestrian) creek parkway trail and secondary (pedestrian only) trails and associated improvements that will interconnect existing segments of the Mariposa Creek Parkway with 8th Street, State Route (SR) 140/49 and the Joe Howard Bridge. Locally, it will extend the existing trail from the Mariposa County Arts Park to local businesses and a future transit center. Regionally, it will become part of several bicycle routes extending into the national forests and Yosemite National Park.

The Project will implement critical components of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Master Plan, 11th Street Paseo Graphic Enhancement Project, and the Trailhead Project. Specifically, it will construct Phase III of the Mariposa Creek Parkway, an approximately 0.5-mile-long parkway segment between 8th Street and Joe Howard Street; the 11th Street Paseo, an approximately 100-foot-long strategic active transportation linkage between SR 140/49 and Jessie Street; new pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Jessie Street to connect the aforementioned mobility resources and establish a safe bicycle and pedestrian network in this area of Mariposa; and the trailhead area and its associated amenities near Jessie Street and 8th Street.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The County has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 4639 Ben Hur Road, Mariposa, CA 95338. The public review period during which the County will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on February 2, 2023, and end on March 6, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.