

CITY OF MADERA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE WESTBERRY BRIDGE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Madera (City) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Westberry Bridge Project (Project).

The City of Madera proposes to construct a new vehicular bridge along the proposed Westberry Boulevard Alignment crossing the Fresno River in the northwest portion of the City of Madera, to improve traffic circulation and to avoid any future congestion on existing upstream bridges at Granada Drive and Schnoor Avenue. The proposed bridge crossing structure would be approximately 408 feet long by approximately 92 feet wide and would accommodate two 11-foot traveled ways in each direction, one 14-foot-wide center median, two 6-foot shoulder/bike lanes with 1-foot buffer striping, two 9-foot sidewalks, and two 1-foot concrete barriers (Type 732SW) with tubular hand railing along each side of the bridge deck. An earthen irrigation canal runs along the exterior side of each riverbank. Both earthen canal alignments are owned by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and operated by the Madera Irrigation District (MID). The Vern McCullough Fresno River Trail runs along the south bank of the river. The proposed bridge structure would consist of an 8-span cast-in-place prestressed concrete flat slab bridge supported on reinforced concrete seat-type abutments with 42-inch diameter cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) piles and 42-inch diameter CIDH piles at the piers.

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 City 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 City of Madera Department of Public Works, located at 428 E. Yosemite Ave, Madera, CA 93638. The public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on September 27, 2023, and end on October 26, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 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.