

City of Temecula

Community Development

Planning Division

Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

- PROJECT:** Murrieta Creek Bridge at Overland Drive (Avenida Alvarado over Murrieta Creek), CIP No. PW 16-05, Federal Aid Project No. BR-NBIL(543)
- APPLICANT:** **City of Temecula**
- LOCATION:** The project is located in the northwest area in the City of Temecula, west of Interstate 15 (I-15), north of Via Montezuma, west of Enterprise Circle West, south of Winchester Road, and east of Diaz Road. The approximate longitude and latitude coordinates of the proposed bridge site are 117.1658° W and 35.5239° N.
- DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes to construct an approximately 340-foot-long concrete girder bridge over Murrieta Creek to connect Avenida Alvarado with Overland Drive. The bridge would accommodate four travel lanes, left-turn lane(s) in the median, and two six-foot-wide Class II bike lanes for a curb-to-curb road width of 68 feet. The bridge design would incorporate aesthetically treated concrete barriers, architectural metal hand and bicycle railings. The architectural treatments at the concrete barriers and abutment retaining walls will discourage graffiti. A six-foot-wide sidewalk would be added on the bridge's southern side for pedestrians to cross the creek. Two piers and two abutments would be placed in the creek to support the bridge. The existing bike trail on the west side of the creek would intersect with the extended Overland Drive by a signal-controlled at-grade crossing. In order to match the roadway two-lane section on Avenida Alvarado on the west side of Diaz Road, the project would transition the existing lane configuration in the eastern portion of Avenida Alvarado to be consistent with the four-lane configuration of the bridge. Traffic signals and associated signing, striping, streetlights, and utilities would be installed at the intersections Overland Drive/Enterprise Circle West and Diaz Road/Avenida Alvarado. Traffic signals and streetlights will be installed at the Overland Drive/Commerce Center Drive intersection by a separate project. Associated improvements along Diaz Road and Avenida Alvarado would include undergrounding electrical utilities, constructing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, relocating sewer and water facilities, and adding traffic signage and striping. Landscaping modifications would occur along the bridge approach, along Diaz Road, along Overland Drive, and at the intersections of Overland Drive/Enterprise Circle West and Diaz Road/Avenida Alvarado.

The City of Temecula intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described above. This notice is made pursuant to Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based upon the information contained in the Initial Environmental Study and pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, it has been determined that this project as proposed, revised or mitigated will not have a significant impact upon the environment. As a result, the City Council intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

The mitigation measures required to reduce or mitigate the impacts of this project on the environment are included in the project design and/or the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, which will be included as part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

As required by Section 15073 of CEQA, the public review and commenting period for this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is January 11, 2024 to February 12, 2024. Written comments and responses to this notice should be addressed to the contact person listed below at the following addresses:

City of Temecula
41000 Main Street
Temecula, California 92590

The Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at: <https://temeculaca.gov/362/Environmental-Review-CEQA>; City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590; Ronald H. Roberts Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592; Temecula Chamber of Commerce, 26790 Ynez Court, Ste. A, Temecula, CA 92591;

The public notice of the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration is provided through:

The Local Newspaper Posting the Site Notice to Adjacent Property Owners

If you need additional information or have any questions concerning this project, please contact Senior Civil Engineer, Nino Abad at nino.abad@temeculaca.gov



Matt Peters, Assistant Director of Community Development

1/3/24
Date