

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
SOUTH MILPITAS BOULEVARD BRIDGE PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Milpitas (City) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed South Milpitas Boulevard Bridge Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: The project is located within the Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan in the City of Milpitas at the southern terminus of South Milpitas Boulevard and includes portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 086-36-030, 086-36-041, 086-37-018, 086-37-039, and 086-37-040.

Proposed Project: The project proposes to construct a bridge across Penitencia East Channel to connect South Milpitas Boulevard on the north side of the channel with a new connector street to be constructed between Tarob Court and Sango Court on the south side of the channel. The proposed bridge would serve vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists. The project would require demolition of the existing vacant office building located at 1831-1841 Tarob Court (APN 086-36-030), which is owned by the City of Milpitas.

Findings: The Initial Study prepared by the City was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff have concluded that the proposed project with implementation of the mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, have prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study has incorporated all the relevant information regarding the potential environmental effects of the project and confirms the determination that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not required for the project.

Cortese List Designation: The proposed project site is on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 (Cortese List). According to GeoTracker, the parcel (APN 086-36-030) at 1831-1841 Tarob Court has been identified as an Open Cleanup Site as a result of soil and groundwater contamination from past activities associated with circuit board manufacturing from 1979 to 2015. In 2019, approximately 75.0 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated at the project site along a storm drain line where secondary source TCE risk-based thresholds were exceeded. An additional 64.8 cubic yards were removed with an associated sump pump. In 2020, a Risk Management Plan was established identifying contamination locations, soil and groundwater management requirements for future earthwork, and requirements for future development projects. A deed restriction was applied to the property to limit uses as a roadway or open-air park due to the presence of contaminated soil, soil vapors, and groundwater. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) concluded that with the completed remediation activities and limitation of future land uses, the subject parcel does not require further active remediation. As set forth in the Initial Study, with the implementation of mitigation measures, the South Milpitas Boulevard Bridge project will have a less than significant impact relating to hazards and hazardous materials.

Public Review: The IS/MND is available for review online at <https://www.milpitas.gov/379/Environmental-Documents-CEQA>. To review a hard copy of the IS/MND, please contact Lyhak Eam at the email address or phone number listed below, and accommodation will be provided to review the IS/MND during the City's normal working hours at the following address:

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455 E. Calaveras Boulevard
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Written comments will be accepted from March 1, 2024, to April 1, 2024. Comments will also be accepted at the City Council Meeting on May 7, 2024. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must either make verbal comments at the City Council Meeting or submit written comments to the following address:

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If you require additional accommodation to review the IS/MND, please contact Lyhak Eam at the email address or phone number listed above.