



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

**Date:** March 29, 2024

**To:** Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

**Project Title:** Stonehill Drive Improvement Project

**Lead Agency:** City of Dana Point

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092 and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15072), that the City of Dana Point (City) has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the proposed Stonehill Drive Improvement Project (project) described below, and that the Draft IS/MND is available for public review.

**Comment Period:** Agencies, organizations, and the public may submit comments in response to this notice within the 31-day public review period beginning **March 29, 2024** and ending the close of business on **April 29, 2024**. All comments must be submitted in writing via mail or email to:

Matthew Sinacori, Director  
City of Dana Point  
Department of Public Works  
33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 212  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
publicworks@danapoint.org

**Document Availability:** The Draft IS/MND, along with documents referenced in the Draft IS/MND, are available for review during the 31-day public review period at the following locations:

1. City of Dana Point Department of Public Works, located at 33282 Golden Lantern, Suite 212, Dana Point, CA 92629
2. City of Dana Point Website: <https://www.danapoint.org/department/public-works-engineering/construction-capital-improvement-projects>

**Project Location:** The Stonehill Drive Improvement Project (proposed project) is proposed for an approximately 0.4-mile segment of Stonehill Drive between Palo Alto Street and San Juan Creek (project site) in the City of Dana Point (City), County of Orange (County). Regional access to the project site is provided by State Route 1 (SR 1), approximately 0.6-mile south of the project site, and Interstate 5 (I-5), approximately

0.3-mile east of the project site. The project site is bound by residential, recreational, and commercial uses, as well as the San Juan Creek bridge overcrossing.

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves improvements to Stonehill Drive within the project site boundaries, including proposed addition of a third eastbound lane in order to mitigate significant and unavoidable transportation impacts resulting from the nearby Ganahl Lumber Project in the City of San Juan Capistrano, which was approved on May 12, 2020, and has since become operational.

In order to accommodate the third eastbound lane, the proposed project would involve median modifications, curb realignment, utility relocations, and restriping to non-standard lane widths. Other improvements include resurfacing, turn lane striping extensions, new landscaping features, a new raised median for safety purposes, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb and sidewalk improvements. The proposed improvements would occur within existing Stonehill Drive right-of-way and would not require any permanent right-of-way acquisitions. No new buildings or structures are proposed as part of the project.

The project would provide congestion, safety, and accessibility improvements to the existing Stonehill Drive roadway. The discretionary action to be considered by the City as part of the proposed project is the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The project is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**Upcoming Public Meetings:** Members of the public are invited to provide comments and input on the project. For additional information on the City's community outreach efforts and access to draft documents, please visit:  
<https://www.danapoint.org/departments/public-works-engineering/construction-capital-improvement-projects>