Notice of Intention to Adopt a Negative Declaration/Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) is the lead agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Negative Declaration on the proposed adoption of the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Fresno COG has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore the Negative Declaration was prepared. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Negative Declaration.

Project Title: Negative Declaration for the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan (ATP)

Project Location: The various components/improvements recommended by the ATP are located throughout Fresno County.

Project Description: The proposed project under CEQA is the <u>adoption</u> of the Fresno County Regional Active Transportation Plan. The ATP itself contains various programs, policies, and recommendations pertaining to the development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in Fresno County. Specific development is not being proposed under this ATP and adoption of the Negative Declaration would not authorize any development. The ATP is intended as a guidance document with the ultimate vision of trails, walkways, and bikeways that provide safe, convenient, and enjoyable connections to key destinations around the County.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Fresno COG invites the public and agencies to provide comments on the Project. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Negative Declaration will be from <u>April 11, 2024</u> to <u>May 13, 2024</u>. Copies of the Negative Declaration and ATP can be reviewed at Fresno COG, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA 93721. Copies can also be viewed on Fresno COG's website at the following address: www.fresnocog.org/project/active-transportation/

Please send your comments to Simran Jhutti, Senior Regional Planner at the address shown above. Please provide a name and mailing address for a contact person (if applicable).

Fresno COG Consideration: Fresno COG intends to conduct a public hearing and consider the Negative Declaration for adoption on:

Date: May 30, 2024

Time: On or after 5:30 p.m.

Location: Fresno COG Sequoia Conference Room

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