

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for the

Laguna Creek Trail and Bruceville Road Sidewalks Project

April 15, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as Lead Agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the below referenced Project. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of availability of the Draft MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

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PROJECT TITLE: Laguna Creek Trail and Bruceville Road Sidewalks Project (WTL019)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Laguna Creek Trail and Bruceville Road Sidewalks Project (WTL019) is located in Elk Grove, California, approximately 0.5 mile west of State Route 99 (SR-99) and approximately 3 miles east of Interstate 5 in area of Bruceville Road and Big Horn Boulevard. The site is located within Section 27, Township 7 North, Range 5 East, on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) *Florin*, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle at roughly 38° 25' 57.15" north latitude, 121° 25' 3.10" west longitude.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Development of the proposed Project would include two segments (0.94 mile) of new asphalt trail (Class I Bikeway) with decomposed granite shoulders, new sidewalks, signs, striping, and pavement markings. The primary trail extension is proposed from Bruceville Road adjacent and parallel to Big Horn Boulevard (approximately 0.16 mile). This trail segment would cross at-grade with Bruceville Road at an existing signal-controlled crosswalk. Additional trail gap closures between Bruceville Road, Mannington Street, and Center Parkway would complete connections to existing trails that extend further north and west into the City of Sacramento, thereby linking thousands of residents to an interconnected trail system between two cities and multiple neighborhoods alike. Sidewalk improvements would be

constructed along Bruceville Road between Big Horn Boulevard and Center Parkway (approximately 0.3 mile) and between Laguna Boulevard and Di Lusso Drive (approximately 0.04 mile). Due to high vehicular right-turn volumes, the proposed Project would also include a 300-foot-long vehicular right-turn lane from southbound Bruceville Road to westbound Big Horn Boulevard for added bicycle safety.

Paved surfaces would be Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA) with stabilized Decomposed Granite (DG) shoulders relying on base and subbase as needed. Base material would consist of aggregate base, with a subbase of either existing or compacted native material or a treated native material. Treatments could include cement or lime. Sidewalk widenings on Bruceville Road would require sawcutting the existing road and cutting into the embankment. The proposed fill slopes would vary in height, ranging from one to four feet.

Trail segments may include amenities including, but not limited to, concrete entry nodes, post and cable fencing, landscaping, benches, and interpretive signage.

The purpose and defined objective of the proposed Project is to construct multiple trail extensions and gap closures of the Laguna Creek Trail and sidewalks along Bruceville Road. The project is needed to help meet the goals of the *City of Elk Grove Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan* (GHD, Inc. 2021), as well as the associated *Sacramento County Bikeway Master Plan* (Sacramento County 2011), and *Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Master Plan* (SACOG 2015). The proposed Project is needed to provide connecting links that would ultimately provide trail users with access to a vast system of trails, with connections to parks, schools, community centers, commercial retail and office areas, and transit facilities. Development of the proposed Project would provide greater accessibility to the existing trail system within the City of Elk Grove and make trails directly accessible to additional homes.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A **30-day** public review period for the draft MND will commence on April 15, 2024, and end at 5:00 P.M. on May 15, 2024, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the MND must be received at the above address or by email to msadiq@elkgrovecity.org within the public review period. Comments can also be made during the public hearing on the Project. Copies of the draft MND and Initial Study are available for review at the City at the above address and on the website at:

https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/planning/environmental_review_