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CITY OF FRESNO

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

- Project Name:** City of Fresno Ashlan Avenue Widening Project
- Lead Agency:** City of Fresno
Public Works Department
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
Fresno, California 93721
- Contact Person:** Abdulrahman “Abdul” BinMahfodh
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- Project Location:** The project site includes a 0.5-mile segment of roadway between North Polk and North Cornelia Avenues in the incorporated city of Fresno, Fresno County, California.
- Project Sponsor:** City of Fresno
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Project Description: The City of Fresno (City) proposes to widen a 0.5-mile segment of Ashlan Avenue, located between North Polk and North Cornelia Avenues. The proposed project would widen eastbound Ashlan Avenue from one lane to two lanes, to the ultimate right-of-way (ROW) configuration.

The project also includes the construction of the following improvements:

- Installation of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks;
- Placement of full section paving;
- Grinding and overlay of existing pavement;

- Installation of new ADA-compliant curb ramps, where needed;
- Installation of new signing and pavement striping;
- Adjustment of water valve lids and sewer manhole covers to finished grade;
- Installation of 12 streetlights and signals;
- Addition of 7-foot-wide Class II bike lanes; and
- Relocation of joint poles and water meters.

The proposed road widening project would require ROW acquisition from 17 parcels. The proposed project would require full ROW take of one parcel (APN 511-08-501) from the south side of Ashlan Avenue. The existing residential structures on the parcel proposed for full ROW take would be demolished and the existing residents would be relocated. Following demolition and construction activities, the parcel would be disposed of in accordance with the Surplus Land Act requirements.

The project would result in approximately 4 acres of ground disturbance. The project would require the removal of 27 ornamental trees along Ashlan Avenue. Construction of the proposed project is expected to occur over a 6-month period beginning in 2025.

Initial Study:

Public Review: In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Fresno Public Works Department has undertaken environmental review for the proposed City of Fresno Ashlan Avenue Widening Project and intends to adopt an IS/MND. The City of Fresno Public Works Department invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed project.

A 30-day public comment period for this IS/MND begins on April 15th, 2024, and ends on May 15th, 2024. During this comment period, written comments regarding this project, the findings of the proposed IS/MND, and/or accuracy or completeness of the Initial Study, may be submitted to the City of Fresno Public Works Department (at the above address). A public hearing before the City of Fresno City Council will be scheduled for a later date, to be determined and noticed separately. All hearings and meetings will be located in the City Hall Chambers, 2600 Fresno Street 4th Floor, Fresno, California 93721

Additional information on the proposed project, including the PEIR, proposed environmental finding of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study may be obtained from the Transportation Project Management, Capital

Projects Department, 747 R Street, 2nd Floor, Fresno, California 93721. Please contact Abdulrahman Bin Mahfodh Project Manager at (559) 621-8701 or via email at abdulrahman.binmahfodh@fresno.gov for more information.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON may comment on the proposed environmental finding. Comments must be in writing and must state (1) the commentor's name and address; (2) the commentor's interest in, or relationship to, the project; (3) the environmental determination being commented upon; and (4) the specific reason(s) why the proposed environmental determination should or should not be made. Any comments may be submitted at any time between the publication date of this notice and close of business on May 15, 2024. Please direct comments to Abdulrahman Bin Mahfodh Project Manager, Transportation Project Management, Capital Projects Department, 747 R Street, 2nd Floor, Fresno, California 93721; or by email to abdulrahman.binmahfodh@fresno.gov.