



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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE NORTH FORK BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH PROJECT NORTH FORK, MADERA COUNTY.

The County of Madera, the Lead Agency on the below described project, has prepared a mitigated negative declaration. The project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the initial study. All environmental impacts were determined to be either less than significant or less than significant with proposed mitigation measures.

Project Title: North Fork Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Project

Project Location: The proposed bicycle and pedestrian path will be located near the community of North Fork, CA. The proposed path will start approximately 160 feet west of Willow Creek Drive and continue east on Road 225 to 120 feet west of North Fork Willow Creek. The path will continue on Road 225 from 80 feet east of North Fork Willow Creek east to Road 228, then south on Road 228 to a school bus parking lot.

Project Description: The proposed Project will include construction of approximately 1,560 feet of new bicycle & pedestrian facilities which includes an 8-foot paved bicycle path and 5-foot pedestrian path. These facilities will be separated from the roadway. The project will start near Willow Creek Drive and continue east on Road 225, turning south along Road 228. The Class I bike & pedestrian path will continue all the way to reach the school bus parking lot which is located south of the Road 225 and Road 228 intersection. Other improvements include a transit stop with bus shelter, minor landscaping, approach ramps, retaining walls, and stormwater drainage facilities.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the CEQA document will be from May 2nd, 2024 to June 2nd, 2024 at noon. Copies of the document can be reviewed at the County Public Works Department located at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637 on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at the North Fork Library located at 32908 Road 222, North Fork, CA 93643 Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The document is also available on the County's website at:

<https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-works/public-notice>

Please **send your written response** to Haden Hinkle, Public Works Department, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637 or Haden.Hinkle@maderacounty.com. Comments will be accepted through June 2nd, 2024 at noon.

Dated: April 30th, 2024

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