

CITY OF PASADENA

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING FOR MAYBERRY PARKER BRIDGE ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Property Information

Applicant:	City of Pasadena Department of Public Works
Project Site Address:	Mayberry Parker Bridge, 1 S. Arroyo Seco & 845 W. Colorado, Pasadena
Zoning District:	Open Space
General Plan Designation:	Open Space

Project Description: The Mayberry Parker Bridge Access Improvement Project (Project) site encompasses approximately 0.61 acres located below and immediately to the north and south of the Colorado Street Bridge overpass of the Arroyo Seco Channel, in the northernmost portion of the Lower Arroyo Seco. The City of Pasadena Public Works Department, in coordination with the One Arroyo Foundation, proposes to: (1) provide new pedestrian access to the historic Mayberry Parker Bridge (Bridge), including placement of a steel pipe railing system onto the Bridge deck for safety and replacement a section of chain link fencing with tubular steel fencing; (2) rehabilitate existing trails to the north and south of the Bridge through stabilization (i.e., repair or replacement) of deteriorated trail segments, stairways, stone walls, and eroded slopes; and (3) provide a new high-visibility crosswalk between Desiderio Park and the Arroyo Seco at the Arroyo Boulevard and Westminster Drive intersection. The proposed improvements would be available for public use from sunrise to sunset, same as the Arroyo Seco as a whole. The proposed Project has been designed to provide improved physical facilities and open space resources to existing users of the Lower Arroyo Seco and is not anticipated to directly increase use of the area. The same locations and amounts of parking in the immediate area, similar circulation and access, and same types and extent of facilities would be provided with the sole exception of the high-visibility crosswalk. All aspects of Project design and implementation would be in conformance with the *Lower Arroyo Seco Master Plan* (Pasadena 2015a) and associated *Arroyo Seco Design Guidelines*, the City's *Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance* and *Historic Preservation Ordinance*, and/or the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*.

Lead Agency Approvals Needed: Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration, and approval of the Project will occur in conjunction with a staff-level Consolidated Design Review that is required for the project. This review will be conducted following completion of the public review period.

A meeting will be held to share information regarding the Project at 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at La Casita Del Arroyo, 177 South Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, California, 91105.

Environmental Determination: An initial environmental study recommending a Negative Declaration with mitigation measures (Mitigated Negative Declaration) has been prepared. Possible impacts identified in the Initial Study include those related to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils and Tribal Cultural Resources. With implementation of mitigation measures, all potential impacts would be less than significant.

Hazardous Materials: The Project site is not listed on any hazardous materials or waste databases pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Public Review Period: Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be received in writing between May 10, 2024 and June 10, 2024. Please submit comments in writing by 5:00 PM on June 10, 2024, to the attention of Jeff Khun, City of Pasadena Department of Public Works, 100 North Garfield Avenue, 3rd Floor, Pasadena, California, 91101; or via email to jkhun@cityofpasadena.net. If you wish to challenge the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that your or someone else raised at any public hearing where these documents were considered.

Availability of Environmental Documentation: The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and technical reports can be viewed during regular business hours at The Permit Center, 175 North Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, California 91101; the San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, California, 91105; or on the City's environmental notices webpage at: <https://ww5.cityofpasadena.net/planning/category/environmental-notice/>.