

CITY OF FRESNO
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Name: 911 Emergency Call Center Project

Lead Agency: City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

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Project Location: The project site encompasses approximately 1.25 acres in the eastern portion of the City of Fresno Municipal Service Center (MSC) at 1515 East El Dorado Street in the city of Fresno, California.

Project Sponsor: City of Fresno
City Council
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Project Description: The City of Fresno (City) is proposing the construction of a new 12,072-square-foot 911 Emergency Call Center for the Fresno Police Department on a 1.25-acre project site located in the eastern portion of the City's MSC. The project site was created by Lot Line Adjustment No. 2024-03 that was approved by the Fresno County Recorder on April 18, 2024.

The proposed emergency call center would consist of a single-story building with a large call center space, office space for managers and supervisors, a conference room, a training room, breakrooms, restrooms, an exercise and fitness room, a server room, an electrical room, and an outdoor courtyard. The project also includes the construction of associated site improvements, including construction of a 67-vehicle parking lot with two electrical vehicle (EV)

spaces and eight EV-capable spaces, construction of a 10-foot-tall concrete block wall along the eastern and southern perimeters of the project site, and installation of curbs, utility extensions, an emergency diesel generator, and landscaping.

Construction activities would result in approximately 1.25 acres of ground disturbance, including approximately 121 cubic yards of cut and 1,372 cubic yards of fill (approximately 1,251 cubic yards of net fill). Construction activities would require the demolition of existing pavement and associated on-site components. The project would also require the removal of 15 existing trees. Construction activities are expected to occur over a period of 14 months beginning in January 2025.

The proposed emergency call center would be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the calendar year, and would be operated and maintained by the Fresno Police Department. Operation of the emergency call center would involve transferring existing operations (i.e., number of employees) from the police department. It is anticipated that future operation of the emergency call center would generate 30 to 35 new employment opportunities.

Initial Study:

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Fresno has undertaken environmental review for the proposed City of Fresno 911 Emergency Call Center Project and intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND). The City of Fresno invites all interested persons and agencies to comment on the proposed project.

A 30-day public comment period for this IS/MND begins on December 4, 2024 and ends on January 3, 2025. 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 (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 proposed environmental finding of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Initial Study may be obtained from the City of Fresno, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721. A copy of the IS/MND has also been made available at the following website: <https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/notices-and-publications/>. Please contact Mike Mooneyham, Licensed Professional Engineer at (559) 621-8623 or via email at mike.mooneyham@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 January 3, 2025. Please direct comments to Mike Mooneyham, Licensed Professional Engineer at City of Fresno, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721; or by email to mike.mooneyham@fresno.gov.