

City of Ukiah
Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt
Mitigated Negative Declaration Great Redwood Trail - Ukiah (Phase 4)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) under the California Environmental Quality Act has been prepared and is available for public review. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the ISMND. See below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project will construct a 1.9 multi-modal trail segment of the Great Redwood Trail (GRT) in the south of Ukiah. The trail will provide a walking and biking facility from the existing southern terminus of the GRT at Commerce Drive to existing municipal facilities at Plant Road that will be improved to feature a small parking area and trail head with seating and recreational amenities. In addition to the safety and connectivity improvements, the trail would provide opportunities for enhanced access to the GRT, as the Project would cross Airport Road and Norgard Lane, and includes the proposed construction of two (2) pedestrian access points to Panda Express and the Holiday Inn parking lot within the Redwood Business Park. The proposed pathway would meander within the Great Redwood Trail Agency right-of-way and consist of a 10-foot-wide asphalt concrete paved pedestrian and bicycle facility, with 2-foot-wide-gravel shoulders on either side, for a total width of 14 feet, paralleling the existing railroad tracks.

PROJECT LOCATION: Approximately 1.9 miles of inactive rail corridor between Commerce Drive and Plant Road, primarily within the City of Ukiah.

PROJECT IMPACTS: The Draft ISMND has been prepared for the Project and is available for public review from **August 29, 2024, through September 27, 2024**. The ISMND is intended to analyze the impacts associated with constructing the trail, in accordance with CEQA. The ISMND will be reviewed by City Council for final consideration. As described throughout the ISMND, construction of the trail would result in temporary impacts to air quality, biological resources and wetlands. However, with the implementation of the mitigation measures listed within the ISMND, all impacts would be reduced to less than significant. The ISMND and associated documents can be found online at: <http://www.cityofukiah.com/ceqa-review/> or at the Community Development Department, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482. Written public comments may be submitted to Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager via email at kschaefer@cityofukiah.com or via mail at the aforementioned address.

HEARING DATE/TIME: On **Wednesday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m.** or soon thereafter, the Ukiah City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the ISMND. The meeting will take place both in-person at the Civic Center Council Chambers, located at 300 Seminary Ave., Ukiah, CA, and via teleconference. Teleconference attendance details will be included on the agenda posted to the City website, <http://www.cityofukiah.com/meetings/> and at the Civic Center Agenda Board no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND: Written comments may be submitted via email or mail to the Planner listed below, or in person prior to the hearing at the Community development Department, located at 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482. Office hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Interested parties may contact Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager (707) 463-6203 or kschaefer@cityofukiah.com ; or visit the Community Development Department, located at 300 Seminary Ave. Office hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

ADA ACCOMODATION: If you plan to attend the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or have a need for an interpreter, please contact Kristine Lawler, City Clerk, at (707) 463-6217 or cityclerk@cityofukiah.com