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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION **October 25, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the following project. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Unit, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, San Diego, California, 92123 and online at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/envrvsvcs.html>.

Riverford Road Roundabouts Project Description

The proposed Riverford Road Roundabouts Project consists of improvements to an existing transportation facility located in the community of Lakeside, unincorporated eastern San Diego County. The project would convert two intersections into roundabouts to improve traffic circulation and ease congestion within the SR-67/Riverford Road interchange; add on- and off- ramp legs; construct crosswalks, sidewalks, shared-use pathways and Class II bike lanes; and install stormwater quality improvement features to help clean stormwater draining into the San Diego River. The proposed project would take one to two years to complete.

The northern roundabout would replace a two-way stop-controlled intersection at the on/off-ramps of SR-67 southbound and Riverford Road. The existing North Woodside Avenue connection to Riverford Road would be relocated via construction of a new leg that will connect and convey existing traffic flow in and out of the northern roundabout. To accommodate the roundabout, the intersection would be widened. The southern roundabout would replace existing signal-controlled intersection at Woodside Avenue and Riverford Road. To accommodate the roundabout, the intersection would be widened and its elevation lowered. Existing northbound SR-67 off-ramp connection to Woodside Avenue would be relocated via construction of a new leg conveying exiting traffic flow into the southern roundabout.

The project would also construct crosswalks, sidewalks, shared-use paths, Class II bike lanes, stormwater drainage facilities, and water quality treatment features. Rapid Flashing Beacons (RFBs) would be installed at multiple crosswalks near SR-67 off-ramps. Pedestrian push buttons would be installed on each side of the crosswalks with RFBs to activate them. New curb cuts, gutters, inlets, and other stormdrain features would be added and tie into existing drainage systems to convey stormwater to the water quality treatment features for treatment. The project would add streetlights to help illuminate both roundabouts for drivers' safety. Retaining walls would be constructed where grading is infeasible and could range in height from 3.5 feet to up to 25 feet. The project site would include vegetated landscape and hardscape. Rock removal via blasting and/or other methods are likely; however, access to residences and businesses in the vicinity would remain open at all times.

The project would be constructed primarily within the County's and Caltrans' right-of-way. Caltrans is a CEQA Responsible Agency on this project and County's partner in project design, environmental, and potentially project construction. The proposed project may also be considered under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) with Caltrans as the Lead Agency.

The 30-day public review period runs from **October 25, 2024 to November 26, 2024**. Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than November 26, 2024. Comments must be submitted to Jeff Kashak by e-mail at Jeff.Kashak@sdcounty.ca.gov or by mail at 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 410, Mail Stop O-332, San Diego, CA 92123. For additional information, please visit our website at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/dpw/envrvs.html>, or contact Jeff Kashak at Jeff.Kashak@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 288-5740.

Project Location and Vicinity

