



Date of Notice: August 17, 2017
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Old Town Sidewalk Improvement Project
Old Town Goleta
Project Number 9031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta has completed a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project described below, and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft **MND**. The public comment period begins on August 17, 2017, and will end on September 18, 2017, at 5:00 P.M. All interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments. All letters should be addressed to Public Works Department, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, CA 93117, to the attention of James Winslow, Senior Project Manager, 805.961.7577, jwinslow@cityofgoleta.org. **All comments must be received no later than September 18, 2017 at 5:00 P.M.**

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located within the Inland Area of the City of Goleta, in Old Town Goleta, bounded by Fairview Avenue to the west, U.S. Highway 101 (US 101)/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to the north, Mallard Avenue to the east, and Old San Jose Creek to the south. The majority of the project is located in the residential area of Old Town Goleta, north of Hollister Avenue. The remainder of the project, a stretch of sidewalk proposed on Pine Avenue, is located south of Hollister Avenue. The proposed elements of the project are located on different streets throughout the area. Project activities are located in and along residential and commercial streets.

The parcels abutting the project area have several General Plan/ Coastal Land Use Plan Land Use designations namely: 1) Single Family Residential; 2) High Density Residential; 3) General Commercial; and 4) Old Town Commercial. The zoning classifications adjacent and surrounding the OTSW project include Commercial Districts of Old Town (OT), General Commercial (CG), High Density Residential (RH), and Single Family Residential (RS-7).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes removing pedestrian access barriers and improving walkability for connections to businesses and alternative modes of transportation. The OTSW project would provide a continuous sidewalk, and curb and gutter, on at least one side of each street within the Project area. The project also includes installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramps at the intersections where there are new or existing sidewalks. In addition, other project components include installing angled parking on the east side of Magnolia Avenue, addressing drainage and stormwater treatment options, and installing new pedestrian lighting. Approximately 31 trees would be removed and replaced at a 1:1 ratio.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: A Draft MND has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, §§ 21000, et seq.), the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, §§ 150000, et seq.), and the City's Environmental Review Guidelines). The Draft MND identifies and discusses potential impacts and residual impacts for the identified subject areas. Based on the discussion and analysis provided in the Draft MND, it is anticipated that the project described would not create any significant adverse effects on the environment with the inclusion of mitigation measures in the following areas; Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality.

Further, the project site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft MND is available for public review at the City of Goleta Planning and Environmental Review Department, 130 Cremona Drive, Suite B, Goleta, California, the Goleta library, and the Goleta Valley Community Center on and after (August 17, 2017). Copies of the Draft MND are also available in electronic format (CD) for \$7.00 per CD. The document is posted on the City's web site at www.cityofgoleta.org.

Note: If you challenge the City's final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised in written or oral testimony and/or evidence provided to Planning and Environmental Review on or before the date that the public comment period ends (Government Code Section 65009(b)[2]).

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