

Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability

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The County of Madera Public Works Department, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an initial study/mitigated negative declaration for the Oakhurst Midtown Connector Project in the County of Madera. The full project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the initial study and are summarized below.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the CEQA document will be from August 30, 2019 to September 30, 2019 at noon. Copies of the document can be reviewed at the County Public Works Department located at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637 on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M, at the Oakhurst Library located at 49044 Civic Circle Drive, Oakhurst, CA 93644 weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The document is also available on the County's website at: <https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-works/divisions/engineering-services>.

Please **send your written response** to Haden Hinkle, Public Works Department, 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637 or Haden.Hinkle@maderacounty.com. Comments will be accepted through September 30, 2019 at noon. Please provide the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Oakhurst Midtown Connector Project, Madera County, Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Project Location: The Project is located within the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, in north-central Madera County, California, within the unincorporated community of Oakhurst, approximately 14 miles south of Yosemite National Park. The Project connects existing State Route (SR) 41 and Indian Springs Road. SR 41 is the dominant roadway traversing through the downtown area, from north to south. Indian Springs Road is south and east of Oakhurst. It currently connects to Road 427 (School Road), which leads to SR 41 south of the community.

Project Description: The proposed Project will include construction of a new, two-lane road (Midtown Connector) connecting SR 41 on the northwest with Indian Springs Road on the southeast. The Project will include a bridge approximately 365 feet in length over Nelder Creek (Fresno River). The roadway will include 12-foot wide travel lanes; a sidewalk, and separate bike lane on either side of the road. The Project will also include intersection improvements at SR 41 and Midtown Connector, including installation of a traffic signal, and widening of SR 41 from two to four travel lanes for a distance of approximately 1,745 feet (approximately Katie's Kountry Kitchen to Hartwell Road). The Project will include improvements at the intersection of Road 427 (High School Road) and Indian Springs Road, including installation of a three-way signal and two left-turn lanes on Road 427.

Date: August 28, 2019