

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location:	
Public Agency:	City of Avalon, California
Project Name:	Five Corner Intersection Enhancement and Safety Improvement Project
Project Description:	The proposed project is intended to address operational and safety deficiencies at the “Five Corner” intersection in the City of Avalon, located on Catalina Island, California. The project area comprises a segment of Tremont Street generally between Summer Avenue to the northwest and Clemente Avenue to the southeast and the cluster of intersections including Sumner Avenue, Country Club Drive and Avalon Canyon Road. The project scope includes the construction of two “dual mini-roundabout” intersections, construction of new sidewalk segments to close existing gaps and construction of six pedestrian crossings. Improvements would also extend southwest along Avalon Canyon Road generally to the south end of the City Hall and Fire Station complex and southeast along Tremont Street to just west of the Catalina Avenue intersection. The purpose of the mini roundabouts is to channelize and calm traffic and provide shorter, safer and more convenient pedestrian crossings. To improve the project’s overall geometric and road surface design and provide surface treatment for storm flows, the existing concrete rectangular conduit that crosses under the intersection of Avalon Canyon Road/Tremont Street will be replaced with two 30-inch diameter storm drain conduits. The conduits will extend south of the intersection approximately 400 feet to the Tremont Street/Descanso Avenue intersection. The conduits will replace the existing soft bottom channel within this segment. An existing covered segment of the drainage would be opened and restored. That segment and the adjoining segment generally south of the Tremont Street/Descanso Avenue intersection, will be widened and restored to convey and treat flows. All flows would discharge into the main concrete lined regional channel system as occurs under existing conditions
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	The project area comprises a segment of Tremont Street generally between Summer Avenue to the northwest and Clemente Avenue to the southeast and the cluster of intersections including Sumner Avenue, Country Club Drive and Avalon Canyon Road. This area is referred to as the “Five Corner” intersection. See attached map.
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency’s Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency’s Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and has therefore prepared a Draft Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.	
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency’s office, located at: City of Avalon Planning Department, 450 Avalon Canyon Road, Avalon CA 90704.	

