



County of San Diego

BRIAN ALBRIGHT
DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
5510 OVERLAND AVENUE, SUITE 410
SAN DIEGO, CA 92123-1237
(858) 694-2212
www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION November 12, 2019

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 following locations: Lakeside Branch Library, 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040; County Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services Unit, 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123; and on the County's website at <http://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/envrnsvcs.html>.

Ashwood Street Corridor Improvements Project (1018734)

The County of San Diego (County) Department of Public Works proposes to improve an approximately 1.3-mile segment of Ashwood Street within the unincorporated community of Lakeside in San Diego County (proposed project). Specifically, improvements would occur on Ashwood Street between Mapleview Street and approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection with Willow Road (where Ashwood Street transitions into Wildcat Canyon Road). The goals of the proposed project are to improve traffic movement and sight distance at various locations including El Capitan High School, County-owned Cactus Park, and the intersections of Ashwood Street with Mapleview Street and Willow Road. The proposed project would also enhance pedestrian access with the continuation of sidewalk along the west side of Ashwood Street between El Capitan High School and Cactus Park. The proposed project would not impact the existing bicycle lanes or equestrian crossing associated with the San Diego River Park Regional Trail. All pedestrian curb ramps installed by the County would be compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements.

Specifically, Mapleview Street will be improved by reconfiguring the existing striping to include a second left-turn lane for vehicles traveling eastbound turning north onto Ashwood Street. As motorists travel north, Ashwood Street would be widened to include an additional travel lane only for vehicles entering El Capitan High School. To enhance turning movements into and out of El Capitan High School, a traffic signal system would be installed at the school's entrance; however, the primary northbound travel lane on Ashwood Street would remain unsignalized. A raised median would be installed to separate through-traffic from vehicles entering the school. To accommodate the roadway widening near El Capitan High School, a soil nail retaining wall and a soldier pile wall would be installed along the east and west sides of Ashwood Street, respectively, due to the proximity of steep slopes.

To improve pedestrian access, a sidewalk would be installed on the west side of Ashwood Street between El Capitan High School and Cactus Park. A dedicated left-turn lane would also be installed for vehicles entering Cactus Park's western property. At the intersection of Ashwood Street and Willow Road, the existing all-way stop would be improved with traffic signals, ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps and crosswalk pavement markings would be installed, and a dedicated left-turn lane would be added in each direction.

Regarding drainage improvements, the proposed project includes the relocation of existing storm drain facilities to adequately convey stormwater runoff along Ashwood Street. Stormwater runoff would either be conveyed to proposed biofiltration basins for treatment or directed to curb inlets. The proposed project would not alter or modify the existing culvert system that conveys flows from the San Diego River underneath Ashwood Street.

The public review period runs from November 12, 2019 to December 11, 2019. Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received no later than December 11, 2019. Comments must be addressed to Jeff Kashak and submitted by e-mail to Jeff.Kashak@sdcounty.ca.gov or by mail to 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 410, San Diego, CA 92123.

