



**NOTICE OF INTENT
PERRIS VALLEY STORM DRAIN TRAIL – PHASE 2 PROJECT
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 2351**

February 19, 2020

Project Title: Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel Trail – Phase 2 Project Initial Study

Lead Agency:

City of Perris
Planning Division
135 North “D” Street
Perris, CA 92570
(951) 943-5003
Contact: Kenneth Phung, Planning Manager

Project Location - City: Perris

Project Location - County: Riverside

Project Location - Specific: The proposed Project is within portions of the following Assessor Parcel Numbers: 310-180-038, 310-190-014, 310-200-009, 310-220-051, 310-220-053, 327-020-003, 327-020-013, 327-020-015, 327-020-017, 327-020-019, 327-020-020, 327-200-016, 327-200-018, 330-090-027, and 330-090-028. The proposed Project is located along the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel between Nuevo Road and Case Road in the City of Perris, Riverside County, California.

Description of the Project: The proposed Project consists of construction of a 3.1 mile multi-use trail parallel to the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel extending from Nuevo Road to the South Perris Metrolink Station at Case Road.

The proposed trail will replace an existing decomposed granite and dirt maintenance road along the PVSD Channel with a 10-foot wide asphalt pathway for bicycling and a five-foot wide decomposed granite pathway for pedestrian use. A six by eight-inch concrete mow curb will separate the trail from the adjacent channel slope. The mow curb will be notched every 10 feet for drainage and would be set two inches above the slope grade and one inch above the trail. Landscaping and fencing are proposed at the street crossing intersection with San Jacinto Avenue and will consist of native, drought resistant vegetation along with a drip irrigation system. Removable bollards will be installed at the public right-of-way to limit access to the trail for bicycle and pedestrian uses only. When access to the trail area is required by Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFCD), the bollards could be removed as needed to allow maintenance vehicle access. Appropriate easements and permits will be retained with RCFCD and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to allow the trail within land owned by these agencies. Easements or other appropriate agreements will be obtained from private property owners with ownership of the land between the PVSD Channel and the Metrolink Station. No lighting will be installed along the trail. All construction staging will occur within the existing corridor.

The Project will construct a slab-bridge crossing the Metz Channel and the RCFCD channel south of the Interstate 215 (I-215) freeway, an at grade crossing at San Jacinto Avenue, an underpass below the I-215 freeway, and a bridge across the Perris Valley Storm Drain Channel leading to the South Perris Metrolink Station. Safety improvements include installation of signalized crossings and signage at San Jacinto Avenue. The Project will also construct ADA ramps to current standards and interpretive signage to educate trail users.

Address Where Copy of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is Available (Electronic Copy provided at <http://www.cityofperris.org/city-hall/departments/development/planning.html>):

The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the:

City of Perris

Planning Division

135 North "D" Street

Perris, California 92570-2200

Phone: (951) 943-5003

FAX: (951) 943-8379

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Public Review Period: The Initial Study is being circulated for a minimum **30-day review period**, which will commence on **February 19, 2020** and conclude on **March 19, 2020**. Due to the time limits mandated by State Law, your comments must be received at the earliest date, but not later than **March 19, 2020**. All written comments must be sent to Kenneth Phung, City of Perris Planning Division, 135 N. "D" Street, Perris, CA 92570-2200. Mr. Phung may be reached by phone at (951) 943-5003 ext. 257, or via e-mail at kphung@cityofperris.org.

Prior to the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration, any person may also appear in person to voice support of or opposition to the Project.

The Director of Development Services, after reviewing written feedback or verbal comments, could recommend approval of an alternative proposal for the above Project, including any changes to the proposal. Any person challenging this Project in court, may be limited to raising only those issues identified in writing prior to adoption date of the Mitigated Negative Declaration described in this notice.

Copies of all relevant material, including the project specifications, the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and supporting documents, are available for review at the City of Perris Planning Division, located at the addresses stated above.

Hazardous Materials Statement: The Project site is not listed on any list of hazardous waste sites prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

NOTES: It should be noted that Tribal Consultations have been conducted.
