



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The City of Fremont has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed **Morrison Canyon Road Traffic Safety Project (SCH Number: 2020040061; City File Number: PWC8981)**.

Project Description: The City is proposing to permanently close to private automobile use the above noted 0.8 miles of Morrison Canyon Road, from the Proposed Western/Bottom Closure to the Proposed Eastern/Top Closure (in other words, from the intersection of the Road and Ridge Terrace to where the Road intersects Vargas Road. The proposed project would permanently enact the temporary closure conditions described above, which are active as of October 16, 2018. However, the proposed project will be analyzed against an assumed baseline of roadway conditions prior to the October 16, 2018 temporary closure. The closure would be implemented through a series of flexible delineators or bollards, the same or similar to the barriers currently utilized. One or more additional advanced warning signs and flashing beacons would be added along the Road. Since the barriers are mountable, emergency movement/access would not be hindered. In addition, the Road would remain open to pedestrian and bicycle uses because the barriers would be passable by pedestrians and bicyclists. All improvements are anticipated to occur within the existing public right-of-way.

Project Location: As shown in the Project Area Map (next page), the proposed project would include the approximately 0.8-mile portion of Morrison Canyon Road in the City of Fremont (Niles Quadrangle, Township 4S, Range 1W, Sections 22 and 23), located immediately east of the intersection of Morrison Canyon Road and Ridge Terrace ("Proposed Western/Bottom Closure") to a location immediately west of the intersection of Morrison Canyon Road and Vargas Road ("Proposed Eastern/Top Closure").

The proposed project will have a significant environmental impact by physically dividing an established community. The remainder of the potential environmental impacts are either below significance levels or can be reduced to that level through implementation of the identified mitigation measures.

The Draft EIR and documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review online at the City of Fremont's website: <http://www.fremont.gov/430/Environmental-Review> and are also available at the following location:

City of Fremont
Planning Division
39550 Liberty Street
Fremont, CA 94537
(510) 494-4440

The public review period for this Draft EIR begins on **May 8, 2020** and ends on **June 22, 2020**. Written comments must be received at the Planning Division by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22nd** in order to be addressed as part of the formal EIR review process. Comments on the environmental analysis should be referred to **Bill Roth**, in the Planning Division at (510) 494-4450, via e-mail: broth@fremont.gov or by regular mail at the City of Fremont mailing address listed above. Please reference the above project name in your written comment letter.

Following the close of the public review period, the City will prepare a Final EIR that will include responses to comments received during the public review period. Ten days prior to the public hearing on the proposed project and Final EIR, the City's responses to comments received during the public review period will be available for review and will be mailed to those who have commented in writing during the public review period.

Bill Roth

May 6, 2020

Bill Roth, Senior Planner

Date

