

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION JUNE 1, 2020

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**Project Title**: San Tomas Aquino Creek Trail Project (Reaches 1 & 2)

**Project Location**: Western portion of City of Campbell and southwest portion of City of San José between Westmont

Avenue and West San Tomas Aquino Road (37°27′24.4″N latitude, 121°99′06.6″W longitude).

Project Description: The City of Campbell, in cooperation with the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) proposes to construct a 1.28-mile paved bicycle and pedestrian trail that will follow the San Tomas Aquino Creek on top of existing Valley Water levees and creek bank, starting from Westmont Avenue and concluding at Margaret Lane. Reach 1 will connect Westmont Avenue to McCoy Avenue and involve constructing a new clear-span pedestrian bridge measuring approximately 114 feet long, near the east end of Westmont High School and the south side of Forest Hill Elementary School. In Reach 2, the trail will parallel West San Tomas Aquino Road for approximately 0.42 mile and be located on City of Campbell and/or Valley Water property on the north side of the road. After a short at-grade crossing of Harriet Avenue, the trail will continue east along the north side of West San Tomas Aquino Road and end at Margaret Lane. The project in this area will include trailheads, safety fencing, centerline striping, and signage. At this location, the proposed trail will include an asphalt concrete paved travel width of 12 feet with 2-footwide gravel shoulders. Fencing will be provided on either side of the trail to restrict trail users from entering San Tomas Aquino Creek or crossing West San Tomas Aquino Road. The proposed project also will involve constructing trailheads at Westmont, McCoy, and Harriet Avenues opposite Inwood Drive and at Margaret Lane. Trailheads likely will include decorative concrete pavement, user amenities, and signage. The proposed project limits are within the cities of Campbell and San José. The trail extents between Westmont Avenue and Forest Hill Elementary School will be within the City of San José, and the trail limits between the elementary school and McCoy Avenue are within the City of Campbell. Along West San Tomas Aquino Road, the trail alignment will straddle the boundary separating Campbell and San José. No portion of the project alignment is listed on any of the hazardous waste lists under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Campbell has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092(b)(1), for the above-described project. The Initial Study prepared by the City was undertaken to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the Community Development Director has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment because certain mitigation measures have been incorporated and, therefore, has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**: A 30-day public review period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 (closing at 5:00 p.m.) for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted to the City of Campbell (who is capturing input on behalf of itself and the City of San José) in writing at the above address or by email to the Senior Civil Engineer at fredh@cityofcampbell.com before the close of the public review period. Comments may also be submitted at public hearings on the project. The Initial Study and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review online at <a href="https://www.ci.campbell.ca.us/617/San-Tomas-Aquino-Creek-Trail-Project">https://www.ci.campbell.ca.us/617/San-Tomas-Aquino-Creek-Trail-Project</a>.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**: The City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider the proposed project and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a public hearing to be held on **October 20, 2020** at 7:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter. Members of the public will not be able to attend meetings at the Campbell City Council Chamber physically due to COVID-19. The City Council meeting will be livestreamed on Channel 26, the City's website, and YouTube (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofCampbell">https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofCampbell</a>). For more information, please refer to the project website (<a href="https://www.ci.campbell.ca.us/617/San-Tomas-Aquino-Creek-Trail-Project">https://www.ci.campbell.ca.us/617/San-Tomas-Aquino-Creek-Trail-Project</a>).