### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration North First Avenue Mojave River Bridge Replacement Project



# WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The City of Barstow proposes to replace the two existing bridges, Mojave River (Bridge Number 54C-0089) and Mojave River Overflow (Bridge No. 54C-0090) over the Mojave River along North First Avenue in the City of Barstow, San Bernardino County, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the safety and operation of the bridges along North First Avenue by replacing the existing structures with bridges that are structurally safe and meet current seismic, design, and roadway standards. The new bridges, approaches, and connecting roadway would be constructed just to the east of the existing bridges and roadway, which would remain operational until the new work is completed and the new bridges are open for travel.

### WHY THIS AD?

The City of Barstow has studied the effects this project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that explains why is called an Initial Study. This notice is to tell you of the preparation of the Draft Initial Study with [Proposed] Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) and of its availability for you to read and provide comments regarding the project.

## WHAT'S AVAILABLE

The Draft IS/MND and other project information are available for review and copying at the City of Barstow Planning Department office building located at 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, 92311, during regular business hours. You may also visit the City of Barstow website for additional information: www.barstowca.org/home.

### WHERE YOU COME IN

Do you have any comments about processing the project with an Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration? Do you disagree with the findings of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Would you like a public hearing? Please submit your comments or request for public hearing by email to: <a href="mailto:bmerrell@barstowca.org">bmerrell@barstowca.org</a> or in writing to the following address, no later than September 2, 2020:

City of Barstow

Attention: Brad S. Merrell, P.E., Consulting City Engineer

220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A

Barstow, CA 92311

#### The date we will begin accepting comments is August 4, 2020.

If there are no major comments, the City of Barstow will proceed with the project's design.

#### **CONTACT**

For more information about this project, please contact the City of Barstow, Brad S. Merrell, P.E., Consulting City Engineer, 220 East Mountain View Street, Suite A, Barstow, CA 92311 or by phone at (760) 255-5161.