

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION City of Oceanside, California

SUBJECT: Coastal Rail Trail Project, located from Oceanside Boulevard to Morse Street, spanning the Loma Alta Creek

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Oceanside has prepared an Initial Study (IS) and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in connection with the Coastal Rail Trail Project (Project). While the Initial Study (IS) prepared for the Project identifies potentially adverse effects of the proposed Project, the Initial Study (IS) also includes proposed mitigation measures that would ensure that all significant, adverse effects will be reduced to a less-than-significant level. The City's decision to prepare a MND should not be construed as a recommendation of either approval or denial of this Project. The Initial Study (IS) for the proposed Project can be reviewed on the City's website at https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/cega/default.asp . Following the public circulation and review period of the Project's Initial Study (IS), the City Council will consider the proposed Project alignment, as described below and in the Initial Study (IS), any comments received during the public review process, its MND and its associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). The City Council will then approve the Project alignment, adopt the proposed MND and adopt the MMRP, only if it finds on the basis of the whole record that there is no substantial evidence that the Project alignment will have a significant effect on the environment. Should the City Council approve the Project alignment and adopt the proposed MND and associated MMRP, the Project will proceed into the design and environmental permitting phase, which will include a Regular Coastal Permit. There is currently no funding for construction.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: the public review period is from June 9, 2021 to July 12, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project consists of Class I path from Oceanside Boulevard to Morse Street, spanning the Loma Alta Creek and running adjacent to the City of Oceanside La Salina Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and Buccaneer Park. A 255-foot long, two-span cast-in-place concrete deck has been chosen as the preferred bridge type. The Project will close the remaining gap of the Coastal Rail Trail, as well as provide connectivity to Buccaneer Park, and a connection to a future parking lot planned to the north of Loma Alta Creek adjacent to the WWTP.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City invites members of the general public to review and comment on this environmental documentation. Written comments may be mailed or e-mailed to the project manager. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting documents are available for public review and inspection at the Planning Division located in City Hall at, 300 N. Coast Hwy., Oceanside, CA 92054. The City's Planning Commission and City Council will conduct public hearings at future dates to be determined. You will receive a separate public notice for those hearings. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised during the public review period on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Neg Dec) or at the future public hearings.

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