

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MILLBRAE ACTIVE TRASPORTATION PLAN

The City of Millbrae has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the Millbrae Active Transportation Plan Project ("proposed project"), as described below, and is requesting comments on the Draft IS-MND. The Draft IS-MND addresses the potential environmental effects of the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The City of Millbrae is the Lead Agency for the proposed project. This notice is being sent to the San Mateo County Clerk and other interested agencies and parties. No responsible agencies, trustee agencies or public agencies besides the City of Millbrae that also have a role in approving or carrying out the project have been identified for this project.

**PROJECT TITLE: Millbrae Active Transportation Plan** 

**PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide** 

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site encompasses the City of Millbrae, within the County of San Mateo, California. The attached figure shows the project boundaries and proposed improvements.

**REVIEW PERIOD:** The City is soliciting comments on the Draft IS-MND from **August 2, 2021** through **September 1, 2021**. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15074, the City of Millbrae will consider the MND together with any comments received during the public review process. Comments on the Draft IS-MND and any questions or comments should be directed in writing to:

Roscoe Mata, Planning Manager City of Millbrae Community Development Department 621 Magnolia Avenue Millbrae, California 94030

Comments may also be submitted via email to <a href="mailto:Rmata@ci.millbrae.ca.us">Rmata@ci.millbrae.ca.us</a>. Comments on the Draft IS-MND must be received on or before September 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**COPIES OF THE DRAFT IS-MND**: The Draft IS-MND is available for review online on the City's website: <a href="https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/Planning/Environmental-Review">www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/Planning/Environmental-Review</a>, and at City Hall located at 621 Magnolia Avenue, Millbrae, California 94030 and the Millbrae Library located at 1 Library Avenue, Millbrae, California 94030. <a href="https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/government/commission">PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Millbrae Planning Commission is anticipated to consider the IS-MND and make a decision on the project at a future regularly scheduled meeting to be noticed to the public. Interested attendees should visit the Planning Commission webpage to confirm the meeting location, time, and agenda: <a href="https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/government/commissions-committees/planning-commission">https://www.ci.millbrae.ca.us/government/commissions-committees/planning-commission</a>.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed City of Millbrae Active Transportation Plan (Plan) is intended to increase walking and biking in the city of Millbrae. A draft of the proposed Plan can be found on the City of Millbrae General Plan Update website at <a href="https://millbrae2040.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Millbrae">https://millbrae2040.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Millbrae</a> ATP PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT.pdf.

The Plan's multiple elements address the city's existing bicycle and pedestrian conditions, the city's needs, goals and policies to support a robust and comfortable active transportation network, additional recommendations at key locations, and implementation strategies for the proposed Plan.

The proposed Plan would include development of paths to key bicycle and pedestrian destinations identified by the City of Millbrae, including the Downtown Core, the El Camino Real Commercial Corridor, local and regional transit facilities and area schools, parks, and recreational trails.

In addition, proposed sidewalk, crosswalk, and bicycle projects listed in the Plan are included as recommendations that would serve to connect neighborhoods and key destinations for bicyclists of all ages and abilities. These include a freeway overcrossing, connections between existing bicycle and pedestrian routes, and safety and comfort upgrades at signalized intersections and crosswalks. The Plan would also include the construction of two new alignments. The two new alignments would go through Lions Park in the northern portion of the city and Josephine Waugh Soroptomist Park in the southern portion of the city.

Adoption of the proposed Plan would set in place a long-term program, concurrent with the City of Millbrae's 2040 General Plan, for the future construction of the projects; however, adoption in itself would not directly involve the construction of such projects. Construction of the proposed Plan would occur primarily on existing public rights-of-way within the city.

**SUMMARY OF IMPACTS:** As discussed in the Draft IS-MND, all issue areas were found to have no significant environmental effects, a less than significant environmental effect, or a less than significant environmental effect with incorporation of mitigation measures. Mitigation measures related to fugitive dust control (Mitigation Measure AQ-1), construction noise (Mitigation Measures NOI-1 through NOI-3), and riparian and wetland protection (Mitigation Measures BIO-3 through BIO-6) would be required to reduce construction impacts from individual projects to less than significant. Pre-construction assessments for biological resources (Mitigation Measures BIO-1 and BIO-2), archeological resources (Mitigation Measures CUL-1 through CUL-3), and hazardous materials (Mitigation Measure HAZ-1) would be required to be conducted. The unanticipated discovery of tribal cultural resources (Mitigation Measure TCR-1) or paleontological resources (Mitigation Measure GEO-1) would also require project-specific mitigation. With proper implementation of these mitigation measures the associated impacts would be less than significant.

Signature: Darcy Smith, Community Development Director, City of Millbrae Community Development

Department

Date of Distribution: August 2, 2021

**Attachment: Project Location** 

## **Project Location**

