## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Bell Gardens has completed an Initial Study for the following project in accordance with City and State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines:

Project Title: The City of Bell Gardens Circulation and Transportation Element Update

Project Location: Citywide

Project Description: The City of Bell Gardens is proposing an update to its existing Circulation and Transportation Element. The Circulation and Transportation Element provides a blueprint for establishing a convenient, safe, and sustainable transportation network in Bell Gardens, which serves users of all modes including walking, biking, rolling, riding transit, and driving. The purpose of the element is to improve the current infrastructure in Bell Gardens as a foundation for an integrated and comprehensive transportation network, which will reduce reliance on the private automobile and enhance other transportation options. The element establishes goals, policies, and programs to support connectivity in the context of the land uses set forth in the existing Land Use Element. The proposed Circulation and Transportation Element Update would not modify the City of Bell Gardens General Plan Land Use Map, land use designations, nor intensities/densities identified within the General Plan Land Use Element. Additionally, the proposed Circulation and Transportation Element Update would not result in any new roadways or increase existing roadway capacities. The mobility framework set forth in the proposed Circulation and Transportation Element supports State and regional transportation efforts to establish a more sustainable, multi-modal network to combat reliance on the private automobile, increase access to opportunity for diverse stakeholders, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Negative Declaration:** An initial study of environmental impacts was prepared pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15063 ("CEQA Guidelines"). A Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts is proposed for this project pursuant to CEQA § 15070. The public review and comment period for the Negative Declaration begins on December 16, 2021 and ends at 5:00 PM on January 14, 2022.

A public hearing to consider the proposed Circulation and Transportation Element Update and Negative Declaration is scheduled before the Planning Commission on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. Final adoption of the Circulation and Transportation Element Update will be considered by City Council on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 5:00 PM, in the Council Chambers.

Copies of the proposed Initial Study / Negative Declaration and related documents are on file and available for public review in the Community Development Department, Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201. The files are also available on the Public Works Department website at the following web address: https://www.bellgardens.org/government/city-departments/public-works/circulationelement

This notice will be posted at the following locations:

- Los Angeles County Recorder's Office
   12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650
- 2. Bell Gardens City Hall 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201
- 3. City of Bell Gardens
  Department of Public Works
  8327 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201

- 4. Bell Gardens Veteran's Park 6662 Loveland Street, Bell Gardens, CA 90201
- 5. John Anson Ford Park 8000 Park Lane, Bell Gardens, CA 90201

Persons wishing to review or obtain copies of the proposed Initial Study / Negative Declaration may contact Veronica Sanchez, Administrative Specialist, Bell Gardens City Hall, 7100 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 or at VSanche@Bellgardens.org or by phone at (562) 806-7700 Ext. 7770.

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