## City of Temecula

## **Community Development**

**Planning Division** 

## **Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration**

PROJECT: Santa Gertrudis Creek Trail Phase II Undercrossing at Margarita Road Project

APPLICANT: City of Temecula

LOCATION: The Project Site is located beneath and perpendicular to Margarita Road, along the south side

of Santa Gertrudis Creek, and is adjacent to and extending the Santa Gertrudis Bicycle Trail,

in the City of Temecula, CA.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Proposed Project would construct a bicycle/multi-use trail undercrossing for the existing

Santa Gertrudis Creek Trail. The existing trail crosses Margarita Road in the City of Temecula, which is a heavily traveled four-lane divided collector roadway. The proposed undercrossing would improve safety at this location by removing the need for existing at-grade roadway crossing for the trail. The Proposed Project consists of a total of approximately 610 feet of a shared bicycle/trail undercrossing, which would begin where the existing grade of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Trail ramps begin to elevate to meet the grade of the overcrossing of Margarita Road at the east and west sides. The Project would include the removal of existing pavements and soils to bring the proposed Santa Gertrudis Creek Trail to five percent grade, utility improvements, and the construction of the Santa Gertrudis Creek Trail in a new location

beneath Margarita Road.

The City of Temecula intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described above. This notice is made pursuant of Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based upon the information contained in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and pursuant to the requirements of CEQA; it has been determined that this project as proposed, revised or mitigated will not have a significant impact upon the environment. As a result, the City Council intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

The mitigation measures required to reduce or mitigate the impacts of this project on the environment are included in the project design and/or the Mitigation Monitoring Program and will be included as part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590, and on the City of Temecula website at http://TemeculaCA.gov.

As required by Section 15073 of CEQA, the public review and commenting period for this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is February 14, 2022 to March 16, 2022. Written comments and responses to this notice should be addressed to the contact person listed below at the following address: City of Temecula, 41000 Main Street, Temecula CA 92590.

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The Public Notice of the intent to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration is provided through:

□ Notice to Adjacent Property Owners

If you need additional information or have any question concerning this project, please contact the Associate Engineer William Becerra at (951) 693-3963 or will becerra@TemeculaCA.gov.

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