CITY OF VISALIA 315 E. ACEQUIA AVENUE VISALIA, CA 93291

<u>NOTICE OF INTENT</u> <u>TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</u>

Project Title:

Riggin Avenue Widening (Mooney to Conyer)

Project Description:

The proposed project involves the reconstruction of 0.75 mile of existing roadway between N Mooney Blvd and Conyer Street to accommodate a 4-lane arterial street with 110' total ROW. Improvements would include new 12' vehicular travel lanes (4 lanes total), a new Class IV bike lane along the north side of Riggin Avenue, new street lighting, new landscaped medians, four new bus turnouts, new fire hydrants, and curb returns at all involved intersections.

The project site is currently a two-lane road with a pavement width of approximately 50 feet and right-of-way width of 110 feet. The site contains no General Plan land use or zoning designation. The site is bordered by residential uses to the south and vacant land and commercial uses to the north.

<u>Project Location</u>: The project site is located along Riggin Avenue (Avenue 312) between Mooney Boulevard and Conyer Street within the City of Visalia jurisdiction.

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<u>Time and Place of Public Hearing</u>: A public hearing will be held before the Visalia City Council on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California.

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2388, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Visalia has reviewed the proposed project described herein and has found that the project, with mitigation measures, will not result in any significant effect upon the environment because of the reasons listed below:

<u>Reasons for Mitigated Negative Declaration</u>: Initial Study No. 2022-16 has identified environmental impact(s) that may occur because of the project; however, with the implementation of mitigation measures identified pertaining to biological resources and cultural resources, impact(s) will be reduced to a level that is less than significant. Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the Planning Division in City Hall East, at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA, and online at:

https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/planning/ceqa_environmental_review.asp.

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted from <u>March 17, 2022</u>, to <u>April 6</u>, <u>2022</u>.

Date: <u>3/16/2022</u>

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Brandon Smith, AICP Environmental Coordinator City of Visalia