CITY OF SAN RAMON



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAN RAMON IRON HORSE TRAIL OVERCROSSINGS PROJECT AND NOTICE OF COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of San Ramon (City) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Iron Horse Trail Overcrossings Project (project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Project Location: The proposed project includes two sites along the Iron Horse Trail in the City of San Ramon, Contra Costa County. The Crow Canyon Road overcrossing is located within an approximately 2,000-foot linear segment of the Iron Horse Trail alignment that intersects with Crow Canyon Road at an existing at-grade crossing. The Bollinger Canyon overcrossing is located within an approximately 2,100-foot linear segment of the Iron Horse Trail alignment that intersects with Bollinger Canyon Road at an existing at-grade crossing.

Proposed Project: The proposed project involves the construction of two overcrossings or bridges along the existing Iron Horse Trail alignment. The proposed overcrossings, located at Crow Canyon Road and Bollinger Canyon Road, are intended to: improve safety by reducing conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists and providing an environment that encourages walking and bicycling along the trail; improve motor vehicle circulation by removing the at-grade crossing conflicts; reduce traffic delays; reduce unsafe crossing maneuvers by pedestrians and bicyclists; increase trail crossing usage by improving the comfort at the Bollinger Canyon and Crow Canyon Road crossings; and improve air quality by reducing stopping and idling at the at-grade trail crossings.

The preliminary conceptual design for the Crow Canyon overcrossing would likely consist of a tied arch main span, girder, or a design of similar appearance that would cross over Crow Canyon Road. The Bollinger Canyon overcrossing would likely consist of a cable-stayed main span with a single tower located on the south side of Bollinger Canyon Road or a design of similar appearance. Two options are considered for the preliminary conceptual tower design including a single mast or an A-frame. For both spans, from the northern to southern landings, the total length of the new overcrossing would be between approximately 1,200 and 1,400 linear feet. The width of both spans would range between approximately 16 and 20 feet.

Findings: The Initial Study prepared by the City was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project site is not on a list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review: Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for review at the City of San Ramon Permit Center, 2401 Crow Canyon Road; San Ramon City Hall, 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road; San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Boulevard; San Ramon Senior Center, 9300 Alcosta Boulevard; San Ramon Main Library, 100 Montgomery Street; Dougherty Station Library, 17017 Bollinger Canyon Road; and www.sanramon.ca.gov

Comments received within the 30 day comment period, from September 8, 2017 to October 7, 2017 will be responded to in writing. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must submit written comments to the following:

Lisa Bobadilla, Transportation Division Manager City of San Ramon 2401 Crow Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583 (925) 973-2651 lbobadilla@sanramon.ca.gov

Community Workshop: On Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., the City of San Ramon will conduct a public workshop to receive comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and solicit public feedback on the project. The workshop will be held in the Fountain Room at the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Boulevard, San Ramon, CA.

Adoption of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the project will be considered by the City Council on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road.