



**Notice of Intent to Adopt Initial Study and  
Mitigated Negative Declaration for the  
East Laurel Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project**

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

**TO:** INTERESTED PARTIES/AGENCIES

**FROM:** DAVID JACOBS, P.E. L.S., PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
CITY OF SALINAS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT OF THE EAST LAUREL DRIVE PEDESTRIAN  
IMPROVEMENT IS/MND

Notice is hereby given that the City of Salinas (Lead Agency) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the East Laurel Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project. The IS/MND is available for public review and comment pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The IS/MND addresses the environmental effects associated with construction and operation of the East Laurel Drive Pedestrian Improvements Project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The East Laurel Drive Pedestrian Improvement Project would improve pedestrian, vehicular, and trail facilities along East Laurel Drive and Constitution Boulevard by providing new sidewalk facilities, a trail system and boardwalk for pedestrians and bicyclists, trail lighting, and new street lighting on the roadway. The project site spans from East Laurel Drive to Constitution Boulevard to the northwest toward North Sanborn Road to the southeast; and on Constitution Boulevard from East Laurel Drive to approximately 375 feet south of Manchester Circle. The rehabilitation of an existing trail is also proposed from the entrance to the Monterey County East Laurel Facility (facility yards), along East Laurel Drive, to the northern trail at the Natividad Creek Detention Basin. Lighting improvements would be provided on two existing trails, one trail near the parking lot of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park extending approximately 800 feet north and another trail around the inland side Natividad Creek Detention Basin to approximately 95 feet west of Garner Avenue at Gee Street.

The project requires the following approvals from the City of Salinas to proceed:

- Adoption of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Project approval

Subsequent non-discretionary approvals would include, but may not be limited to, grading and street encroachment permits, a final Water Quality Management Plan and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Based on the Initial Study analysis, City staff has concluded that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. Upon compliance with regulatory requirements and recommended mitigation measures, all environmental impacts were found to be less than significant.

## DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

During the public review period, the IS/MND, including the technical appendices, can be accessed on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofsalinas.org/our-city-services/public-works/documents-public-review> and at the following locations:

City of Salinas

Public Works Department: 200 Lincoln Avenue Salinas, California 93901

John Steinbeck Library: 350 Lincoln Avenue Salinas, California 93901

Cesar Chavez Library: 615 Williams Road Salinas, California 93905

## PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE IS/MND

The 20-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will occur as follows:

**Beginning:** August 20, 2019

**Ending:** September 9, 2019

**Written comments** on the proposed document will be received through **September 9, 2019** no later than **5:00 PM**. Please submit written comments by email to Eda Herrera, P.E., Senior Civil Engineer at [eda@ci.salinass.ca.us](mailto:eda@ci.salinass.ca.us), or mail to Public Works Department, 200 Lincoln Avenue Salinas, California 93901. Comments sent via email should include the project title in the subject line and a valid mailing address in the email.

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Salinas Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a public hearing, as indicated below. There will also be a public hearing before the City Council at a later date.

**Date:** October 23, 2019

**Time:** 3:30 PM

**Location:** City of Salinas City Hall Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue Salinas, CA 93901

For additional information about the IS/MND, the proposed project, or about future meetings, please contact the City of Salinas at:

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