

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The City of San Luis Obispo has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Bob Jones Pathway Octagon Barn Connection project (ER# 30-13). The IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Aesthetics, Agriculture Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, and Recreation.

**LEAD AGENCY AND PROJECT APPLICANT/SPONSOR:** The City is the Lead Agency and the County of San Luis Obispo is a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act. The City Public Works Department, County Parks & Recreation Department, and County Planning Department are partnering to implement the proposed project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located at 4433/4435 Octagon Way, and generally follows the eastern edge of San Luis Obispo Creek, west of South Higuera Street, south of Los Osos Valley Road (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 053-161-020 and 076-081-026). Approximately 1,000 linear feet would be located within the City limits, and approximately 1,800 linear feet within the County (totaling approximately 2,800 linear feet). General Plan Designations include: Open Space, Special Focus Area 11 Los Osos Valley Road Creekside Area (City); Agriculture, Airport Review Area, Flood Hazard Area, Highway Corridor Design Standards, Stormwater Management Area (County). The City Zoning Designation is Conservation/Open Space (C/OS-10).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of the construction and operation of an approximately 2,800-foot segment of the Bob Jones Pathway, which would connect an existing alignment of the Pathway within the City to the longer alignment proposed by the County of San Luis Obispo, which will extend from the Octagon Barn to the existing staging area on Ontario Road near Avila Beach. The project includes a 12-foot wide asphalt surfaced pathway with 2-foot wide shoulders on each side of the surfaced pathway. Grading and landscaping will occur within a 16 to 20 foot wide pathway easement. Construction of the pathway would primarily occur within a typically narrow 30 to 60 foot wide construction disturbance zone on nearly level terrain. Additional components of the project include: grading a new perimeter agricultural road (approximately 12 feet wide and 2,500 feet long) parallel to the pathway (within the construction disturbance zone identified above); installation of safety signage on South Higuera Street, and installation of up to two pedestrian hybrid beacon (HAWK) or similar user-actuated flashing beacons to improve visibility of the South Higuera Street crossing. The total area of disturbance would be approximately 3.86 acres. Permanent disturbance would be approximately 1.3 acres for the pathway and 0.69 acre for the relocated perimeter agricultural road. Temporary fencing and similar materials (such as wattles, silt fencing, etc.) would be installed prior to construction. A detailed project erosion control and revegetation plan, along with a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will be required. The project also includes the installation of fencing, signage, and other fixtures.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE/SUBSTANCES:** The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5; however, there are clean-up sites in the area including: Cleanup Program Site associated with Unocal Old Pipeline No. 2 (SLO607995940) at 4325 South Higuera Street (approximately 900 feet from the alignment), this case is designated as Completed and Closed; San Luis Obispo PCE Plume (60001343) (approximately 500 feet northwest of the northern terminus of the proposed pathway), the clean-up site has been active since September 24, 2010.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The 30-day public review period for the IS/MND begins on September 19, 2016 and ends on October 18, 2016. Written comments should be sent to Bryan Wheeler, Public Works – Transportation, Planning and Engineering, City of San Luis Obispo Public Works, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 or to [bwheeler@slocity.org](mailto:bwheeler@slocity.org) by 5:00 p.m., October 18, 2016.

**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** Copies of the IS/MND and all referenced documents are available for review at the City of San Luis Obispo Public Works, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401 and the City's website at [www.slocity.org](http://www.slocity.org).