



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

Notice of Intent to Adopt Negative Declaration

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION For the Active Transportation Plan (City File **EID 0496-2020**)

The City of San Luis Obispo has completed an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the proposed Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP will be the guiding document for active transportation in the City of San Luis Obispo. The 2020 ATP will supersede the existing 2013 Bicycle Transportation Plan as the planning document that provides recommendations for the improvements to walking and bicycling in San Luis Obispo. The ATP contains various programs, policies, and recommendations pertaining to the development of pedestrian and bicycle facilities. ATP proposes expansion of and improvements to the City's existing shared-use paths, bike lanes and routes, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle bridges, and crosswalks. The proposed networks are designed to build upon existing shared-use paths; to connect regional routes and paths; to provide access to key destinations; and to serve as recreational assets.

The Project (under CEQA), is the adoption of the proposed Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for the City of San Luis Obispo. The ATP is a program/policy-level document, which means it does not provide project-specific construction details that would allow for project-level CEQA analysis. Furthermore, specific development is not being proposed under this ATP and adoption of this CEQA document would not authorize any development. Information such as precise project locations, project timing, funding mechanisms, material types, types of equipment and ultimately construction drawings will be required in order for future "project-level" CEQA analysis to occur. Therefore, this CEQA document has been prepared at a "program-level." Under CEQA, a programmatic document is prepared on a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project and/or for a project that will be implemented over a long period of time. This CEQA document, prepared at a program level, is therefore adequate for adoption of the ATP by San Luis Obispo City Council.

Reference copies of the Initial Study / Negative Declaration are available on the City's website at <https://www.slocity.org/government/department-directory/community-development/documents-online/environmental-review-documents> . If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Adam Fukushima at afukushima@slocity.org or (805) 781-7590 to arrange for an alternative means to view the study, as the City offices are currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated Shelter at Home Order. A 43-day public review period (greater than the minimum required 30-day public review period) for the Negative Declaration will extend from Thursday, November 19, 2020 to Thursday, December 31, 2020. Anyone interested in commenting on the document should submit a written statement to the City of San Luis Obispo, Public Works Department, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, Attention: Adam Fukushima, Active Transportation Manager, or by email to afukushima@slocity.org, by 5:00 p.m., by December 31, 2020.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo Active Transportation Committee on Monday, November 30, 2020 (with a possible hearing extension to Thursday, December 3, 2020, if necessary) to evaluate the project. Interested persons can access the Active Transportation Committee agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/advisory-bodies/agendas-and-minutes/active-transportation-committee> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.

A study session is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to provide input on the plan. Interested persons can access the City Council agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo Planning Commission on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 to evaluate the project. Interested persons can access the Planning Commission agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/advisory-bodies/agendas-and-minutes/planning-commission> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.

A hearing is tentatively scheduled with the City of San Luis Obispo City Council on Tuesday, February 2, 2020 to evaluate the project. Interested persons can access the City Council agenda at <https://www.slocity.org/government/mayor-and-city-council/agendas-and-minutes> to locate the agenda of the public hearing for this project.