



DATE: October 31, 2014

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/INTENT TO APPROVE THE INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR ANTICIPATED PROJECTS UNDER THE 2030 GENERAL PLAN MASTER EIR FOR THE R STREET PHASE III 13TH TO 16TH STREETS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services has completed preparation of an Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration for the R Street Phase III 13th to 16th Streets project and intends to adopt the document as part of project review.

The document, and related project plans are now available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The comment period is from **October 31, 2014** through **December 1, 2014**.

You may obtain a copy of the document at 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, CA, 95811 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (except holidays). The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be reviewed at:

<http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports.aspx>

The City proposes to construct streetscape improvements, street lighting, landscaping, hardscaping, and pedestrian enhancements on R Street between 13th to 16th streets (proposed project). The proposed work would include reconstructing R Street, improving parking areas, providing raised sidewalks (including bulb-outs at crosswalks to meet Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] requirements), planting trees, installing lighting, and updating the storm drainage system. The City has identified these improvements as those needed to bring R Street up to the current City roadway standards. No new right-of-way would be required for the project. The maximum depth of disturbance would be ten (10) feet for utility relocation, and trench width would be three (3) to four (4) feet. The remaining historic railroad tracks would be replaced after construction.

Written comments regarding the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration should be received by the Community Development Department, **NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m.**, when the public counter closes. Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Dana Mahaffey (916) 808-2762.