June 11, 2013

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Scott Johnson, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/INTENT TO ADOPT - MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RIO LINDA BOULDVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (T15095200)

The City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services has completed the preparation of a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rio Linda Blvd Bridge Replacement project. Mitigation measures have been identified for biological resources, cultural resources, and hazards. It should be noted that the project site is not listed on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

The document is now available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The comment period is from Thursday, June 13, 2013 through Monday, July 15, 2013. You may review a copy of the document at the 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor reception desk, Sacramento, CA 95811 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may also be reviewed at: http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/environmental-review/eirs/.

The project consists of replacing the Rio Linda Bridge; realigning Magpie Creek to allow for realigning Main Ave within the City’s existing right-of-way to intersect with Rio Linda Blvd at a right angle; constructing left and right turn lanes from Main Ave onto Rio Linda Blvd, new crosswalks, access to the Northern Sacramento Bike Trail, and installation of a traffic signal. One through lane will be provided in each direction along Rio Linda Blvd with an additional receiving lane to accommodate the required dual left turns from Main Ave. The Rio Linda Blvd roadway profile will be raised slightly to provide the required hydraulic clearance.

The Rio Linda Blvd Bridge replacement will require the overhead utilities along Main Ave and Rio Linda Blvd to be relocated. Utilities will be relocated. The existing Northern Sacramento Bike Trail Bridge over Magpie Creek will be removed and realigned, and will connect with the new structure across Rio Linda Blvd. To allow equipment to access the project site, vegetation would be removed within the footprint of the proposed bridge. Traffic along both Main Ave and Rio Linda Blvd will be maintained during construction. Removal of the existing bridge will require a portion of the new bridge to be constructed and traffic shifted over. The realignment of Magpie Creek will require a small portion of right-of-way acquisition on the east side of Rio Linda Blvd.

The project is located in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. The existing bridge crosses Magpie Creek just south of the intersection of Rio Linda Boulevard and Main Avenue.

Written comments regarding the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be received by the Community Development Department, NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m., July 15, 2013. Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have questions regarding the project, please contact Jesse Gothan, Project Manager at (916) 808-6897; Email: jgothan@cityofsacramento.org.

There will be a project informational open house on Wednesday, June 26th, at Robla Elementary School (5200 Rose Street, Sacramento CA 95838) from 5:30 - 7:00 PM.