



CITY OF MENIFEE

SUBJECT: Valley Boulevard Widening Project, Capital Improvement Project No. 22-02. Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2023

TO: Planning Commission

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APPROVED BY: Cheryl Kitzerow, Community Development Director

APPLICANT: City of Menifee, Department of Public Works/Capital Improvements Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Adopt a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration based on the findings incorporated in the initial study and the conclusion that the project will not have a significant effect of the environment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Valley Boulevard Widening Project (“Project”) (Capital Improvement Project No. 22-02) proposes to widen Valley Boulevard between Murrieta Road and Chambers Avenue. The Project would also extend the roadway through two existing gaps to provide residents with a single, continuous route. The Project will include installation of raised medians, turn lanes, as well as seven new traffic signals at major intersections. Additionally, the Project will enhance and complete the multi-modal network by constructing sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the roadway. Existing pavement will be rehabilitated throughout the Project Area, while existing curb ramps and sidewalks will be improved as needed. The purpose of the project is to improve conditions along Valley Boulevard in an effort to mitigate existing and future traffic issues. This project is included in the Capital Improvement Program, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as a Priority 1 Project.

LOCATION

The Project is located within the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, California. The Project area is located along Valley Boulevard between Murrieta Road, heading west. Valley Boulevard begins

to shift north-west until it finally shifts in a north-south direction as the Project terminates at Chambers Avenue.



ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

The City prepared the Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in conformance with Section 15070(a) of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. The purpose of the IS/MND is to identify any potentially significant impacts associated with the Project and incorporate mitigation measures into the Project design as necessary to reduce or eliminate any such potentially significant impacts.

FINDINGS

Findings for the IS/MND are included in the Draft Resolution (Attachment #1)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The IS/MND was circulated for public review from May 12, 2023, to June 12, 2023. The document was also made available on the City's website. Notices were published in a newspaper of general circulation (*The Press Enterprise*) and notices were sent to owners within 300 feet of the Project area and to all relevant agencies and interested parties.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution Adopting the IS/MND
2. Final Mitigated Negative Declaration
3. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
4. Exhibits
5. Public Hearing Notice