

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE WITH MITIGATION MEASURES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** As the project Applicant and Lead Agency, the City of Walnut Creek has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Las Trampas Creek Bridge at South Main Street in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15369.5 and 15071, and Public Resources Code Section 21092.

**PROJECT:** Las Trampas Creek Bridge at South Main Street Replacement Project

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** The Las Trampas Creek Bridge at South Main Street Replacement Project (project) site is a bridge on South Main Street approximately 0.1 mile south of Olympic Boulevard in Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California. The project site is in the South Main Street/Broadway Plaza shopping area between Botelho Drive and Newell Avenue and is one-half block north of the Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:** The existing five-span bridge would be replaced with a new two-span precast-prestressed voided concrete slab bridge. The bridge would be replaced in two phases, Phase 1 would construct the Pedestrian/Utility Bridge and Phase 2 would construct the Replacement Bridge which would require closing South Main Street. The proposed pedestrian/utility bridge would be approximately 105-ft long and provide a 10-foot-wide pedestrian path. The proposed vehicle bridge would be 104 feet long and approximately 92 feet wide including barriers, one 10-foot sidewalk in compliance with the Walnut Creek Pedestrian Master Plan design guidelines for the Core Area Zone, and one 4-foot-wide median. The bridge would convey vehicular traffic on four 12-foot through lanes and a left-turn lane that would vary in width. The proposed vertical profile is planned to be similar to the existing profile to minimize cut/fill requirements adjacent to the proposed bridge. The proposed roadway approaches are planned to be slightly realigned from their existing condition between the intersections at Botelho Drive and Broadway Plaza to conform to the new bridge width. Improvements to the north and south roadway approaches are anticipated to be less than 200 feet long on either side of the proposed bridge.

**ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:** The project site is along South Main Street in the South Main Street/Broadway Plaza shopping area between Botelho Drive and Newell Avenue. South Main Street Bridge crosses over a segment of Las Trampas Creek that flows through a concrete-lined channel. The project is surrounded by a shopping center with a parking lot, residential units (Agora at South Main Apartments), a parking garage, and several restaurants, banks, and retail stores. The project site crosses over the Las Trampas Creek, a concrete-lined channel with a double-barrel concrete box culvert approximately 30 feet downstream of the bridge with a drop structure and energy dissipaters upstream. Utilities at the project site include underground electrical, telephone, cable, and water.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE LISTS:** The project area is not included in the lists enumerated under Government Code section 65962.5, including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

### DECLARATION

Based on the Initial Study, dated February 16, 2024, the City of Walnut Creek has determined that, with project incorporation of the mitigations identified in the Initial Study:

- This project does not have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- The project will not achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- This project will not have impacts which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
- This project will not have environmental impacts which will cause substantial adverse effects upon human beings, either directly or indirectly.

The aforementioned findings are contingent upon incorporation into this project of the mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study (Conditions for Mitigated Negative Declaration).


Environmental documents supporting the Initial Study, including the project plans, are available for public review at the City of Walnut Creek Public Services Department, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, California, during regular business hours and can be found on the City Website. From February 16 through March 18, 2024 (the 30-day public review period), the public is invited to submit written comments to the contact persons and addresses indicated below regarding the Initial Study environmental findings and Mitigated Negative Declaration determination.

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