For County Clerk Stamp

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A RECIRCULATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED RECIRCULATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

<u>City of Clovis</u>

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT 1033 FIFTH STREET • CLOVIS, CA 93612

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday**, **October 26**, **2023**, **at 6:00 p.m.**, the Clovis Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing in the City Council Chamber, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA 93612, to consider the following item:

- 1. Consider items associated with the Draft City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update, including the goals and policies, existing conditions, proposed networks, implementation actions, and the Plan's CEQA document. City of Clovis, applicant.
 - a. Consider Approval Res. 23-___, A request to approve an environmental finding of a Negative Declaration for the Draft City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update.
 - b. Consider Approval Res. 23-___, A request to approve the Draft City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan Update.

A negative declaration has been completed for Project Item No. 1, pursuant to Section 15070 of CEQA. A Notice of Availability / Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration was previously released for this project for a required minimum 30-day public review period (State Clearinghouse Number 2022020040, February 2, 2022 – March 11, 2022). Following the public review period and prior to project approval, minor changes were made to the Plan. Therefore, the CEQA document has been updated to include the changes to the Plan and is being recirculated in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5.

Recommendation of a proposed recirculated negative declaration does not necessarily mean this project will be approved. Hard copies and electronic copies of the proposed recirculated negative declaration and initial study for this project may be reviewed and/or obtained at the City of Clovis Engineering Division, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, California, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.cityofclovis.com. The comment period for the proposed recirculated negative declaration and initial study shall commence on September 20, 2023, and shall end on October 20, 2023.

For additional information, contact Ryan Burnett, Engineering Program Manager at (559) 324-2336, email at ryanb@cityofclovis.com, or stop by the Engineering Division at 1033 5th Street. The Planning Commission Agenda and Staff Report(s) will be available on the City's website approximately 72 hours prior to the meeting time.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the project(s) to the Engineering Division and to appear and be heard at the hearing. To be properly considered, written comments should be submitted five days before the hearing.

If you challenge a project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Renee Mathis, Planning and Development Services Director PUBLISH: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, *The Business Journal*

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DRAFT RECIRCULATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Proposed: September 14, 2023

Filed with: County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse

Finding: The City of Clovis has determined that the project described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not required.

Lead Agency: City of Clovis is the Lead Agency for this project.

Project Title: City of Clovis Active Transportation Update

Project Location: City-wide and within the City's sphere of influence

Project Description: The project is an update to the City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan. The Plan identifies strategies to improve safety and accessibility for active forms of travel and supplements previous plans of City of Clovis General Plan (2014) and the City of Clovis Active Transportation Plan (2016). The Plan meets all of the Active Transportation Program Guidelines specified by the California Transportation Commission.

Specific development is not being proposed under the Plan and adoption of this CEQA document would not authorize any development. The City's Plan is a programmatic document that proposes goals and policies pertaining to the future of active modes of transportation, such as walking and bicycling, in the City of Clovis. It is intended as a guidance document with the ultimate vision of a connected and complete network of trails, walkways, and bikeways that provides convenient and intuitive connections to key destinations, supports travel within and between neighborhoods, and encourages walking and bicycling for transportation and recreation around the City.

Environmental Assessment: The Initial Study for this project is available for review at the City of Clovis, Planning and Development Services Department, 1033 Fifth Street, Clovis, CA. A Notice of Availability / Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration was previously released for this project for a required minimum 30day public review period (State Clearinghouse Number 2022020040, February 2, 2022 - March 11, 2022). Following the public review period and prior to project approval, minor changes were made to the Plan. Therefore, the CEQA document has been updated to include the changes to the Plan and is being recirculated in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5.

Justification for Negative Declaration: The City of Clovis has completed the preparation of an Initial Study for the project described above. The Initial Study did not identify any potentially significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed activity. Accordingly, approval of a Negative Declaration for the project is recommended. The City finds that the proposed activity can be adequately served by City public services. It will not have a negative aesthetic effect, will not affect any rare or endangered species of plant or animal or the habitat of such species, nor interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species. It will not adversely affect water quality, contaminate public water supplies, or cause substantial flooding, erosion, or siltation. It will not have a significant effect on air quality, climate change, transportation or circulation systems, noise, light and glare, and land use. No significant cumulative impacts will occur from this project.

Contact Person: Ryan C. Burnett, AICP, Engineering Division

Signature:

Phone: (559) 324-2336

Date: September 14, 2023