



# City of Santa Barbara California

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – MST2009-00374 AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (DMND) has been prepared for the following project, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970,” as amended to date.

### **PROJECT LOCATION: Lower Sycamore Creek and Punta Gorda Street Bridge**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Lower Sycamore Creek Channel Widening and Punta Gorda Street Bridge Replacement Project is comprised of two phases. The Phase 1 component includes channel improvements beginning five feet north of the Highway 101 right-of-way and extending approximately 150 feet upstream toward Punta Gorda Street. The Phase 2 component includes channel improvements beginning at the northerly end of Phase 1 and extending 195 feet upstream to a point approximately 75 feet upstream of the Punta Gorda Street Bridge. Phase 2 includes the replacement of the Punta Gorda Street Bridge. A creek restoration plan is incorporated into both phases.

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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** An Initial Study and a DMND have been prepared for this project and are available for review and comment. The DMND examines environmental impacts which may be associated with this project. Significant environmental effects identified in the DMND that are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to biological resources, noise, public services and water quality. The DMND includes proposed mitigation measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The DMND is available for review at the Planning Division, 630 Garden Street between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and alternating Fridays, and at the Public Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street during hours of operation. And online at [www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/eir](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/eir).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The City of Santa Barbara encourages the public to provide written comment on this and other projects. The public review period begins on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: Kathleen Kennedy, Associate Planner, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to [KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCa.gov](mailto:KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCa.gov).

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING:** A hearing to take public comments on the DMND will be held before the Planning Commission on December 1, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.\* in the Council Chambers at City Hall. You are invited to attend this hearing and address your verbal comments to the Planning Commission. If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, or wish to review the plans, please contact Kathleen Kennedy, Associate Planner at (805) 564-5470, extension 4560 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday.

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** Following the end of the public review period for the Draft Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration including responses to comments will be prepared, and a subsequent noticed public hearing will be held at the Architectural Board of Review to consider actions to approve the project.

If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document 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 Architectural Board of Review at, or prior to the public hearing.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division Office at (805) 564-5470, extension 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

\* **NOTE:** The regular Planning Commission meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. On Thursday, November 17, 2011, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, December 1, 2011, will be available at 630 Garden Street. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at [www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc). Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. **Agenda items are subject to change.** It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive at 1:00 p.m. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

*Meetings can be viewed live on City TV-18, or on your computer via [http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Video/Meeting rebroadcast schedule](http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Video/Meeting%20rebroadcast%20schedule) can be found at <http://www.citytv18.com/schedule.htm>.*