



City of Santa Barbara California

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION
TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON A
DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MST2010-00263)
FOR THE CHAPALA STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2011
1:00 P.M.* (SEE NOTE BELOW)
CITY HALL, DE LA GUERRA PLAZA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: 200 Block Chapala Street

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would demolish the existing 4,655 square feet (s.f.) bridge deck and replace it with a 2,740 s.f. bridge deck. The south side of the new bridge deck would be supported on piles and a foundation behind the existing sandstone abutment. The north side of the new bridge would be supported by a new abutment that would be located to align with the existing sandstone walls upstream of the bridge and the existing bank downstream of the bridge. The new bridge would provide one vehicular lane in each direction and a five foot sidewalk on each side. New bridge railings and approaches to the bridge would be constructed.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: An Initial Study and a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (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 which are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to Air Quality (asbestos), Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geophysical Conditions, Hazards, and Water Resources. 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 City Clerk's Office, 735 Anacapa Street and at the Public Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street, during hours of operation. Also online at 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 **Wednesday July 27, 2011**. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by **Friday August 26, at 4:30 p.m.** Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: **Michael Berman, Project Planner** P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to MBerman@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING: A hearing before the Planning Commission to comment on this DMND has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 18, 2011**. If you have any questions, wish to know more about this application, or wish to review the plans, please contact **Michael Berman, Project Planner**, at (805) 564-5470, X4558 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Monday through Thursday) and every other Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please check office hours on our City website. This is the only notice that you will receive of the public comment hearing at the Planning Commission.

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, ext. 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT: Following the end of the DMND public review period, a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration including responses to comments will be prepared, and a subsequent noticed public hearing will be held at the Planning Commission 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 in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, or in a public hearing on the project.

* **NOTE:** On Thursday, August 11, 2011, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, August 18, 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. 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 for the meeting 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.

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