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:  City Right-of-Way along Las Positas and Modoc Roads

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The proposed project involves design and construction of a 2.6 mile-long separated multiuse pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians in City right-of-way along Modoc Road from Calle de Los Amigos to Las Positas Road and along Las Positas Road from Modoc Road to Cliff Drive. The project would provide key connections among Santa Barbara’s regional Cross-town and Coastal Bike Routes, the neighborhoods adjacent to the path, Elings Park, Arroyo Burro Beach County Park, and the Douglas Family Preserve.

The discretionary applications required for this project include:

1. A Coastal Development Permit to allow the proposed development in the Appealable/Non-Appealable Jurisdictions of the City’s Coastal Zone (SBMC §28.44.060) for a portion of the project location; and

2. Project Design Approval by the Architectural Board of Review (SBMC §22.68).

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. Potentially significant environmental effects identified in the DMND, which are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to visual, biological, geology and soils, noise, water quality and hydrology, and land use and planning. 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, and 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 Tuesday, November 22, 2016. Comments on the DMND must be submitted by Thursday, December 22, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.

Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: Jessica W. Grant, Project Planner, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or email to JGrant@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.
Notice Of Availability And Intent To Adopt
Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration – MST2014-00055
And Notice Of Public Hearing

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING: A hearing to take public comments on the DMND will be held before the Planning Commission on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 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 Jessica W. Grant, Project Planner, at (805) 564-5470 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website to verify office closure dates.

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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need auxiliary aids or services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the City Administrator’s Office at (805) 564-5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead-time to arrange.

* The regular Planning Commission meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. On Wednesday, November 23, 2016, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, December 1, 2016, will be available at 630 Garden Street. 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. This meeting will be broadcast live on City TV-Channel 18 and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV. A rebroadcast schedule can be found at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide. Meeting attendees are encouraged to monitor the City TV broadcast to plan their arrival time.