

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of Redlands (City) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Zanja Trail and Greenway Park Project – 7th St. to Church St.**

Project Location: The project site is located adjacent to the Zanja alignment, from 7th St. to Church St., north of Redlands Boulevard and south of Interstate 10 in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino County, California.

Project Description: The Proposed Project would begin at 7th Street and end at Church Street. The Proposed Project includes two elements, a Zanja Trail Gateway Monument at its westernmost end at 7th Street, and a 0.4-mile trail from 7th Street to Church Street. The trail is characterized as a decomposed granite pedestrian trail with a varying width of 6 to 12 feet.

7th Street to 9th Street Trail Segment

This trail segment would be approximately 600 feet long, within a 54- to 60-foot-wide alignment from the western curb of 7th Street to the western curb of 9th Street. In this area the Zanja channel is underground. This space is currently used as a surface parking for a religious facility (The Door Christian Fellowship) located north of the Hatfield Buick dealership. This space is owned by the City and is leased to the religious facility.

The trail would begin at the western curb of 7th Street, north of Redlands Boulevard, where an enhanced paving crosswalk would be installed. On the eastern side of 7th Street a Zanja Trail Gateway Monument would be installed. A 6-foot-wide natural surface pedestrian trail would be built within a 16 to 22-foot-wide strip of landscaping north of the Hatfield Buick dealership. Landscaping would include native trees and shrubs to provide shade and help shield pedestrians from vehicles using the parking lot. Interpretive way-finding and mile-marking signs would also be installed along the route and at the northwest corner of Redlands Boulevard and 7th Street. The area north of the trail would include a 40-space parking lot with a two-way drive aisle. Existing fencing on both the north and south side of the existing parking lot would remain.

9th Street to Church Street Trail Segment

This trail segment would be approximately 1,050 feet long and extend from the western curb of 9th Street to the western curb of Church Street. This segment of the trail alignment would be constructed within an area owned by City of Redlands Successor Agency.

Improvements would include an enhanced pavement street crossing at 9th Street and Church Street. The proposed trail alignment would consist of a 12-foot-wide natural surface pedestrian trail. Along this segment, both the pedestrian trail would be located north of the Zanja channel with a 42-inch-tall post and rail fence separating the path from the channel. Along the route, interpretive way-finding signs would be installed. Removable lockable bollards would be installed at the trail entrances at 9th Street and Church Street to deter motorized vehicles from entering the trail. If necessary, the pedestrian trail would also serve as an access road for San Bernardino Flood Control District vehicles. Trash receptacles and dog waste removal units would be installed at road crossings. Native plantings and shade trees would be planted along the route.

Proposed Project improvements would avoid work in the Zanja channel or the portions of its banks that have been designated as under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and/or California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

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Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: The project site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review Period: In compliance with CEQA, the City has established a 20-day public review period beginning October 25, 2019 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than November 13, 2019 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

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The Draft IS/MND is also available online at:

<https://www.cityofredlands.org/zanjaproject>