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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Laguna Creek and Whitehouse Creek Multi-Functional Corridor Project

November 4, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the City of Elk Grove, as lead agency, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the below referenced Project. The Draft MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Elk Grove has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft MND and solicit comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

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PROJECT TITLE: Laguna Creek and Whitehouse Creek Multi-Functional Corridor Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project is located in the city of Elk Grove, Sacramento County, California. Specifically, the Project site extends from the existing Laguna Creek Trail, located south of the intersection of Beckington Drive and White Peacock Way, to a connection at East Stockton Boulevard approximately 750 feet south of the intersection of East Stockton Boulevard and Cantwell Drive

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Applicant (City of Elk Grove) proposes to construct the Laguna Creek and Whitehouse Creek Multi-Functional Corridor Project. The proposed Project will include the construction of a 1-mile long multi-functional corridor along the banks adjacent to segments of Laguna Creek and Whitehouse Creek.

The Project consists of constructing a multi-functional corridor between East Stockton Boulevard and Camden Park in the City of Elk Grove. The maintenance access road alignment begins at East Stockton Boulevard, approximately 750 feet south of the intersection of East Stockton Boulevard and Cantwell Drive. The alignment follows a west-east orientation before crossing Whitehouse Creek. After this crossing, the alignment turns south and parallels the eastern bank of Whitehouse Creek before turning southeast and crossing Laguna Creek at two locations before terminating at the existing Laguna Creek Trail system near Beckington Drive and White Peacock Way. During the final design and right-of-way phases of the Project, the alignment may traverse further south along Whitehouse Creek before turning southeast to cross Laguna Creek. This design option is included on the below image.

The Project would be constructed in two phases. Phase I would include construction of a 12- to 16-foot-wide paved surface (no pavement striping) with 2-3 feet of unpaved shoulders. Pre-fabricated steel or concrete bridges would provide necessary access across Laguna and Whitehouse Creeks.

Phase II of the Project would consist of converting the paved maintenance access road into a Class 1 multi-functional trail corridor connection between East Stockton Boulevard and Camden Park, with pavement striping and trail amenities, such as benches and trash containers. Phase II of the Project would complete a gap within the trail system in accordance with the City's Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan.

Additional Phase I or II Project features would include construction of retention basins to offset the floodplain encroachments from the maintenance road/multi-functional trail and fencing to prevent pedestrian incursion beyond the multi-functional corridor. Right-of-way acquisitions and temporary construction easements are needed where the multi-functional corridor passes through privately-owned parcels and will be obtained during Phase I of the Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A **30-day** public review period for the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on November 4, 2022 and end on December 9, 2022 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by the Public Works Department at the above address within the public review period. Copies of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for review at the City at the above address and on the website at:

https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/departments_divisions/public_works/environmental_review

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearing for the Mitigated Negative Declaration is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the March 8, 2023 Elk Grove City Council Meeting. For changes to this tentatively scheduled hearing date, please check the City Council Agenda at:

https://www.elkgrovecity.org/city_hall/city_government/live_archived_broadcasts

