

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Lodi, Community Development Department, has completed an initial study and proposed a Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below.

The initial study prepared by the City was undertaken for the purpose of determining whether the proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the initial study, Community Development Department staff has concluded that the proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan will not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore has prepared a proposed Negative Declaration 11-MND-01. The initial study reflects the independent judgment of the City.

FILE NUMBER: 11-ND-01

PROJECT TITLE: Harney Lane Specific Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan involves widening of Harney Lane so as to relieve existing and future traffic congestion at the west-east bound road. Harney Lane currently is a two lane road with a posted speed of 45 mph. North of Harney Lane is mostly new single family residential subdivisions with block walls fronting Harney Lane. Harney Lane has been widened to the ultimate width on the north where the recent development has occurred. The south side is a mixture of agriculture (grapes and cherries) and single family residences. West of Lower Sacramento Road single family residences populate both sides of the road. Between South Hutchins Street and South Stockton Street, Harney Lane crosses the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan mostly affects the south side of Harney Lane.

The proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan is an integral component of the City's General Plan 2010, which identifies Harney Lane as a four lane express way. The proposed Harney Lane Specific Plan details roadway improvements, establish the necessary right-of-way required to accommodate the roadway improvements and it affects a total of 47 privately-owned parcels. Proposed right-of-way acquisitions would occur in conjunction with actual construction projects. No physical improvements or construction activities are proposed in conjunction with implementation of the Harney Lane Specific Plan. Subsequent development in the Plan Area, including all Subdivisions, Site Plan Reviews, Planned Development Review, and Conditional Use Permits will be subject to environmental review on a project-by-project basis.

The project design, as illustrated in Exhibit 5, was prepared in accordance with the City framework set out in the General Plan adopted on April 7, 2010. Items considered during the preparation of the Specific Plan include future land use, roadway and bicycle network, right of way issues, safety (pedestrian and vehicular), ingress and egress for residents and businesses and environmental issues. There are no physical improvements or construction activities proposed by the project itself at this time.

PROJECT LOCATION: The projects limits are located on Harney Lane, between Stockton Street and Lower Sacramento Road in the City of Lodi, in San Joaquin County. Harney Lane,

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as illustrated in Exhibit 1, is located at the southern edge of the current City limits. Regional access to the project limits is from SR Route 99 via Harney Lane exit. Exhibit 1 shows the project's location from a local and regional context.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed Negative Declaration will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, beginning on **Tuesday, April 12, 2011** and ending on **Wednesday, May 11, 2011**. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- **Community Development Department**, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240
- **Lodi Public Library**, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, CA 95240
- **Public Works Department**, 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240

The Mitigated Negative Declaration is also available for review on the internet at the following web address: http://www.lodi.gov/com_dev/EIRs.html

Any person wishing to comment on the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration must submit such comments in writing **no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday May 11, 2011** to the City of Lodi at the following address:

Community Development Director
City of Lodi
P. O. Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241

Facsimiles at (209) 333-6842 will also be accepted up to the comment deadline (please mail the original). For further information, contact Immanuel Bereket, Associate Planner, at (209)333-6711.

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The City will provide additional public notices when the public hearings have been scheduled to consider approval of the proposed Negative Declaration and the other entitlements for the project.



Konradt Bartlam, Community Development Director

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Date