

NOTICE OF AVAIALBILITY

Notice is herby given that the City of Lodi, Community Development Department, has completed an initial study and proposed a Mitigated 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 project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the initial study, Community Development Department staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration 08-04. The initial study reflects the independent judgment of the City.

File Number: 08-ND-04

Project Title: Lodi Avenue Improvement Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is being done by the City of Lodi Public Works Department. The project consists of reconstructing an existing four lane street. Most work will be done within the existing right-of-way except for some minor street widening on Lodi Ave. east of Cherokee Lane. Part of the work will involve the removal of unused railroad tracks that are located in the middle of the street. The tracks have been temporarily covered over with asphalt to provide a smooth driving surface. The tracks will be completely removed. Other work will include modifying three signalized intersections (Lodi Avenue/Stockton Street; Lodi Avenue/Central Avenue; and Lodi Avenue/Cherokee Lane); constructing bulb outs at some intersections; some new landscaping; pedestrian safety treatments; handicapped accessible ramps; handicapped accessible driveways; street lighting and installing street furniture including seating.

The proposed work will not increase traffic capacities or volumes on the street. The proposed project is intended to improve the surface quality of the roadway; enhance safety for both vehicles and pedestrians; and improve the aesthetics of the street by adding landscaping and street furniture. For safety reasons, the project includes implementing left turn lanes on Lodi Ave. at Stockton Street.

Copies of the Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for review at the following locations: 1) Lodi City Hall, Community Development Department located at 221 West Pine Street, Lodi, CA 95240; 2) Lodi Public Library, 201 West Locust Street, Lodi, CA 95240; and 3) City of Lodi website at www.lodi.gov. The City will receive comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 30-day period, commencing on Monday, December 15, 2008 through Friday, January 16, 2009. Any person wishing to comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration must submit such comments in writing to the City of Lodi at the following address:

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

The City will provide additional public notices when the public hearings have been scheduled to consider approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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