

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Notice is hereby 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 08-01. The initial study reflects the independent judgment of the City.

**FILE NUMBER:** 10-MND-05

**PROJECT TITLE:** Harney Lane Interim Improvements Project

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Harney Lane is a two-lane road that crosses State Route 99 via overcrossing. The proposed project is improvements to Harney Lane to mitigate the additional traffic that will be generated by the Reynolds Ranch development. The proposed project would improve the Harney Lane interchange to keep the level of service (LOS) of the interchange at a level D or better until the ultimate interchange construction is completed in 2016. The interchange construction is expected to begin 2014 and would consist of widening the highway and reconstructing the interchange.

This would be accomplished through road widening and signaling intersections. The road widening would occur mostly on Harney Lane at the approaches to the East and West Frontage Road intersections to accommodate right and left turn pockets. In addition the intersection work, the hook on-ramps at Cherokee Lane and East Frontage Road would be widened to the inside. Fill would be placed along the inside of the loops and along the south side of Harney Lane. A small amount of right-of-way would need to be obtained to complete the project.

Signals would be installed at the intersections of Harney Lane and Cherokee Lane, and Harney Lane and East Frontage Road. The connection to West Frontage Road would be severed on the south side of the intersection by the Reynolds Ranch development. The West Frontage Road already has been realigned farther west, and access to the homes along this road is maintained from the south; therefore, it is not necessary to move the road as part of this project. Cherokee Lane would be closed north of the existing highway off-ramp. The overcrossing (bridge) would remain in place until the ultimate interchange is built.

As part of the project, utilities within the project area will be relocated, realigned, or extended as necessary to accommodate project construction and operation. Utilities that will be affected include underground gas and electric lines and overhead electrical lines belonging to Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), overhead electrical lines belonging to Lodi Electrical and overhead telephone lines belonging to AT&T. Impacts associated with the various utilities relocations are addressed in this environmental document pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) General Order (GO)-131 D filing requirements.

The land use in the immediate project vicinity consists of a cemetery, farmland and associated buildings, single family residences, and undeveloped land. The Reynolds Ranch development will be located in the southwest quadrant of the interchange.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The City will receive comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for a 30-day period, commencing on **Wednesday, July 14, 2010** through **Friday, August 13, 2010**. Copies of the Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and 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: [www.lodi.gov/com\\_dev/EIRS.html](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 Friday, August 13, 2010** to the City of Lodi at the following address:

Community Development Director  
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 Negative Declaration.

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