



CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Cathedral City

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cathedral City has completed an Initial Study Conditional Use Permit No. 16-001. The City proposes to construct a 16-foot± wide concrete bike and pedestrian path along the top of the existing western levee of the Whitewater River between Vista Chino on the north to Ramon Road on the south for a total distance of 2.5± miles. At the Ramon Road terminus, the proposed bike path will continue west along the north side of Ramon Road for approximately 0.22 miles to Crossley Road, where it will end. The channel portion of the path will be bounded by a concrete stem wall (or equivalent) to be built by Riverside County Flood Control (RCFCWCD) atop the existing channel slope protection. The proposed bike path will be constructed within the city limits of Cathedral City and Palm Springs, Riverside County.

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the City's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, the City has concluded that the project could have a significant effect on the environment, but that proposed mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the City. The project site is not known to be on the Hazardous Waste list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Copies of the design materials, Initial Study and Draft Declaration are on file and available for public review with Robert Rodriguez in the Planning Department at City Hall, 68700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero, Cathedral City, CA 92234. City Hall is open Monday-Thursday (7am-6pm). The review period for the Negative Declaration will be from February 4 through February 23, 2016. Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, during the review period. Comments may be mailed to City Hall at the above address or may be emailed to: RRodriguez@cathedralcity.gov. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.

The City Council will consider the project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a public hearing. This matter has been scheduled for February 24, 2016 at 6:30 PM. If the City Council finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it will adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

