

CITY OF VISALIA
315 E. ACEQUIA AVENUE
VISALIA, CA 93291

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title:

Riggin Avenue Widening (Kelsey to Shirk)

Project Description:

The proposed project involves the reconstruction of 1 mile of an existing 2-lane Riggin Avenue between Kelsey Street and Shirk Street to accommodate a 4-lane arterial street with 110' total ROW. Improvements would include new 12' vehicular travel lanes (4 lanes total), new Class II bike lanes, new street lighting, new landscaped medians, a new bus turnout, new fire hydrants, new sewer line, new traffic signal, and curb returns at all involved intersections.

The project site is currently a two-lane road with a pavement width of approximately 24 feet and right-of-way width of 40 feet. The site contains no General Plan land use or zoning designation.

Project Location: The project site is located along Riggin Avenue (Avenue 312) between Kelsey Street (Road 84) and Shirk Street (Road 92), partially within the City of Visalia jurisdiction and partially within Tulare County jurisdiction.

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Time and Place of Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held before the Visalia City Council on February 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California.

Pursuant to City Ordinance No. 2388, the Environmental Coordinator of the City of Visalia has reviewed the proposed project described herein and has found that the project, with mitigation measures, will not result in any significant effect upon the environment because of the reasons listed below:

Reasons for Mitigated Negative Declaration: Initial Study No. 2021-62 has identified environmental impact(s) that may occur because of the project; however, with the implementation of mitigation measures identified pertaining to biological resources and cultural resources, impact(s) will be reduced to a level that is less than significant. Copies of the initial study and other documents relating to the subject project may be examined by interested parties at the Planning Division in City Hall East, at 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA, and online at:

https://www.visalia.city/depts/community_development/planning/ceqa_environmental_review.asp.

Comments on this proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be accepted from January 6, 2022 to January 26, 2022.

Date: 1/5/2022

Signed: _____



Brandon Smith, AICP
Environmental Coordinator
City of Visalia