



CITY OF INDIRIO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Jackson Street Improvement Project from Avenue 50 to Avenue 52

This Notice serves as the City of Indio's Notice of Intent to adopt a Draft Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Jackson Street Improvement Project from Avenue 50 to Avenue 52. The City of Indio has performed a comprehensive evaluation of the potential impacts for this project in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State *CEQA Guidelines*. The Initial Study does not identify any significant effects associated with the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, and MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM will be prepared for the project. As mandated by State law, the Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period. The public comment period for this document begins on **August 2, 2021 and ends on August 31, 2021 by 5:00 pm.**

The document is available for review at:

1. Indio City Hall – 100 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201. Monday - Friday between 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
2. County of Riverside – 2724 Gateway, Riverside, CA 92507

The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and downloaded by visiting the following link:

https://www.indio.org/your_government/development_services/hearing_notices.htm

Public input on this matter is encouraged. Any comments on the IS/MND or requests for information should be sent to: City of Indio Public Works Department, Attn: Timothy Wassil, Director of Public Works, 100 Civic Center Mall, Indio, California 92201. Please include the Project Title and Case No. provided herein on all correspondence. Written comments must be received at the above mailing address by Friday, August 31, 2021. Any written comments received will be forwarded to the Indio City Council and will be considered along with the IS/MND. A public meeting of the Indio City Council to take action on IS/MND will be held at a later date. Notification of the date, time, and place of future public meetings will be provided in compliance with the City and CEQA requirements.

Project Title/File No: Jackson Street Improvement Project from Avenue 50 to Avenue 52

Case No. City Project No. TS1901

Project Location: Jackson Street, from approximately 0.5 miles north of the intersection of Jackson Street and Avenue 50 to approximately 0.25 miles south of the intersection of Jackson Street and Avenue 52. Improvements to Avenue 50 extend from approximately 0.1 mile west to approximately 0.3 east of the intersection of Jackson Street and improvements to Avenue 52 extend from approximately 0.1 miles west to 0.4 miles east of the intersection of Jackson Street. Jackson Street between Avenue 50 and Avenue 52 acts as a border between the City of Indio to the west of Jackson Street and County of Riverside to the east.

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Project Description: The City of Indio proposes to improve a portion of Jackson Street, Avenue 50, and Avenue 52 to its ultimate General Plan configuration as well as construct drainage improvements consistent with the City's Master Drainage Plan.

The Jackson Street Improvement Project from Avenue 50 to Avenue 52 (hereinafter the Project) generally includes widening Jackson Street from three travel lanes to four travel lanes and adding sidewalk, bike lane, curb and gutter, and drainage improvements per the City of Indio's Master Drainage Plan (MDP). The improvements along Jackson Street south of Avenue 50 are primarily within the County of Riverside. All improvements are consistent with the City's and Riverside County's General Plan Road Classifications.

Three new traffic signals are proposed at the intersections of Avenue 50 Avenue 51, and Avenue 52.

There is an existing local market (L&G Desert Store) located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Jackson Street and Avenue 50. An adjacent 1-acre unpaved lot provides parking for the market customers. The proposed improvement will include paving and striping the existing lot, along with driveway cuts for lot access.

Some areas proposed for improvement require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition of approximately 0.91 acres; these areas are on Jackson Street north of Avenue 50, and on Avenue 50 east of Jackson Street. Project construction will also require temporary construction easements extending up to 25 feet outside of street ROW for properties adjacent to the Project site. Utility relocation will be required.

The Project site is not located on a site listed under Government Code Section 65962.5.

