CITY OF FRESNO

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

IIGC Downtown Water and Sewer Improvements Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fresno, Capital Projects Department intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the IIGC Downtown Water and Sewer Improvements Project. Copies are available for review and comment at the City Clerk's office of City Hall located at 2600 Fresno St, Fresno, California 93721. Comments and recommendations on the adequacy of the environmental document may be filed at the aforementioned address during the public review period established for the project.

1. **PROJECT:** IIGC Downtown Water and Sewer Improvements Project

2. **APPLICANT:** City of Fresno, Capital Projects Department
   747 R Street, 2nd Floor
   Fresno, California 93721

3. **LOCATION:** The project site is located in Downtown Fresno. Project activities would generally occur within the boundaries of Calaveras Street to the northwest, Van Ness Avenue to the east, Grove Street to the southeast, and State Route (SR) 99 to the west. The site is in an urban area, has been previously graded and developed, and is located within the public roadway rights-of-way.

4. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Fresno has secured funding through the California Housing and Community Development Infill Infrastructure Grant Catalytic Qualifying Infill Area Program (IIGC Grant). The primary use of the IIGC Grant funds are intended to fund at least seven projects related to upgrading water and sewer infrastructure within the Downtown Fresno triangle. The objective of the IIGC grant funding is to support infill development by providing financial assistance for capital improvement projects that are essential to, or directly support, the development of affordable and mixed-income housing.

   The proposed project includes approximately 15,900 linear feet of waterline improvements and/or 13,400 linear feet of sewer pipeline installation and rehabilitation. Project activities would include the installation and rehabilitation of water and sewer pipelines, manholes, and junction structures to support future development in Downtown Fresno. Where applicable, asphalt would be demolished to allow for installation of new pipeline improvements.

   The proposed project would not involve structure demolition. The proposed demolition would consist of an existing sanitary sewer manhole, typically 48 to 60 inches in diameter and 10 to 14 feet deep and removing pavement or asphalt. No pile driving, blasting, rock breaking and processing, or groundwater dewatering would be required for construction of the project components. Approximately 26,700 cubic yards (cy) of soil would be excavated from the site, with approximately 5,032 cy exported via haul trucks and the remainder used as fill materials. Construction of the proposed project would occur between January 2026 and June 2027.

Construction activities would typically occur between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. No nighttime construction is proposed. Construction of the proposed project would entail 10-20 construction workers on site, on any given day. The project would not involve any new operation and maintenance activities. No new operational employees would be required.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** The MND can be viewed at City Clerk's office located 2600 Fresno St, Fresno, California 93721, or on the City website at: https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/notices-and-publications/

6. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT:** The project site is not included on a list of hazardous waste sites prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 as it is located entirely within the public roadway rights-of-way. Refer to Section 9, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the IS-MND for details.

7. **REVIEW PERIOD:** October 15, 2025 – November 14, 2025

8. **PUBLIC HEARING – INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF MND**: The City Council of the City of Fresno intends to hold a public hearing on December 18, 2025 at 9:00 am to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project pursuant to CEQA. The hearing will be held at the Council Chambers of City Hall at 2600, Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721.

9. **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Robert Diaz at robert.diaz@fresno.gov

The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on **Wednesday October 15, 2025**, and ending on **Friday November 14, 2025**. Any written comments on the MND should be sent to City Hall at the address noted above, to the attention of: Robert Diaz, Capital Projects Department. After the close of the public comment review period on the MND established by this notice, this matter will be set for public hearing before the City Council. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/or mailed as provided by law. Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to City Hall within the review period, or to the City Council during the public hearing.