

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

PROJECT NAME: Avenida Encinas Coastal Rail Trail and Pedestrian Improvements Project
PROJECT NUMBER: CDP2024-0010/HMP2024-0009 (PUB2023-0015)
PROJECT LOCATION: Avenida Encinas between Palomar Airport Road and a point just south of the Poinsettia Coaster Station in the western part of the City of Carlsbad

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Avenida Encinas Coastal Rail Trail and Pedestrian Improvements Project (project) proposes to construct roadway, bikeway and pedestrian improvements along Avenida Encinas between Palomar Airport Road and a point just south of the Poinsettia Coaster Station. The proposed bikeway is identified as proposed Trail Segment 10B, Coastal Rail Trail (CRT) Reach 5, in Chapter 5, Trail Development Implementation, of the City of Carlsbad Trails Master Plan. Proposed improvements would entail implementation of CRT Reach 5, a planned regional bicycle route, as well as roadway improvements along Avenida Encinas. This reach of the CRT would include Class II bike lanes along both sides of Avenida Encinas, consisting of a seven-foot-wide striped buffered bike lane within the roadway. Other improvements would include roadway widening, new pavement, new sidewalks, curb ramps, center landscaped medians, landscaping, bio-filtration swales, median passageways with flashing beacons, lighting, fencing, and retaining walls.

PROPOSED DETERMINATION: The City of Carlsbad has conducted an environmental review of the above-described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Protection Ordinance of the City of Carlsbad. As a result of said review, the Initial Study identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described in the Initial Study have been added to the project. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) will be recommended for adoption by the City of Carlsbad Planning Commission.

AVAILABILITY: A copy of the Initial Study documenting reasons to support the proposed MND is on file in the Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 and is available online at:<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/community-development/planning/agendas-minutes-notice>.

COMMENTS: Comments from the public are invited. Pursuant to Section 15204 of the CEQA Guidelines, in reviewing MNDs, persons and public agencies should focus on the proposed finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. If persons and public agencies believe that the project may have a significant effect, they should: (1) identify the specific effect; (2) explain why they believe the effect would occur; and (3) explain why they believe the effect would be significant. Written comments regarding the draft MND should be directed to Scott Donnell, Senior Planner, at City of Carlsbad, Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 or via email to scott.donnell@carsbadca.gov. Comments must be received within 30 days of the publish date of this notice.

The proposed project and MND are subject to review and approval/adoption by the Planning Commission. An additional public notice will be issued when the public hearing is scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Scott Donnell, Senior Planner, in the Planning Division at (442) 339-2618.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD October 17, 2025 – November 16, 2025

PUBLISH DATE October 17, 2025