

ADDENDUM TO THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

LOT 1 PARKING STRUCTURE

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

This Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) Addendum has been prepared in compliance with Section 15164 of the implementing guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states “An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.”

The Lot 1 Parking Structure Initial Study (IS)/MND was issued with a Notice of Intent to Adopt the IS/MND by San Bernardino County on September 1, 2025 and no comments were received during the 20-day comment period. The proposed project is to construct a new multi-story parking structure at the location of an existing surface parking lot to serve the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center’s employee parking demand. The project site is located at 400 North Pepper Avenue in the City of Colton (see Figure 1). The IS/MND is now pending final approval by the San Bernardino County Board of Commissioners.

As approved by CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, this addendum may be included in, or attached to the Mitigated Negative Declaration, but it need not be circulated for public review.

SUMMARY

The change in the project that was not addressed in the IS/MND is the need to maintain employee parking availability during construction of the proposed parking structure to avoid disruption to ongoing medical center operations. To address this need, a temporary surface parking lot will be constructed and operated for the duration of the proposed parking structure construction. The proposed temporary parking site is located at 1351 West Valley Boulevard in Colton and sits east of N. Meridian Avenue and north of W. Valley Boulevard (on the next block over from the parking garage project site) (see Figure 1). The property is undeveloped and vacant and is approximately 20 acres in size, of which less than 7 acres would be temporarily utilized. The parcel would be leased for the duration of construction and would be vacated upon completion of construction of the parking structure.

The existing employee surface parking lot provides approximately 410 parking spaces. The proposed temporary parking lot would provide a comparable number of employee parking spaces, resulting in no net loss of parking capacity. In addition, approximately 90 temporary parking spaces would be provided to accommodate onsite construction personnel and limited construction material laydown associated with construction of the parking structure (see Figure 2). A temporary perimeter security fence would be installed to control access to the temporary parking facility. Site access to the temporary parking lot would be provided via new driveways from Meridian Avenue. A pedestrian crossing would be installed at the intersection of Meridian Avenue and Plum Street to provide a safe pedestrian connection between the temporary parking lot and the existing sidewalk network serving the ARMC campus.

The proposed revised project falls within the scope of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project as the mitigation measures identified for the project will provide adequate coverage for the additional parking area given its proximity to the original project.

Impacts to Air Quality and Noise

Construction of the temporary parking lot would involve minor grading and aggregate placement activities and would generate temporary construction-related air quality and noise impacts. These activities would be conducted in compliance with applicable City of Colton and San Bernardino County Code requirements, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regulations, and local noise ordinances. Construction BMPs are identified in the IS/MND to control air emissions and noise to a less than significant impact (refer to the IS/MND).

Impacts to Transportation

The temporary parking lot would be located approximately 1,000 feet from the existing employee parking lot and the ARMC campus. Because the project would not result in a net increase in employee parking, vehicular traffic volumes, circulation patterns, and parking demand, traffic trips and movement are expected to remain similar to existing conditions. The IS/MND provides measures to reduce construction related impacts to a less than significant impact (refer to the IS/MND).

Impacts to Hydrology and Water Quality

Temporary site improvements would include minor grading and placement of aggregate base to provide a stable driving surface and dust control. Impervious surfaces would be limited to the parking lot entrances and exits. The use of aggregate base would maintain

existing drainage characteristics of the site and would have a less than significant impact to existing drainage patterns, runoff rates, or downstream hydrologic conditions (refer to the IS/MND).

As demonstrated in this Addendum, there are no additional impacts that result from this change to the project components and the IS/MND continues to serve as the appropriate document addressing the environmental impacts of these changes, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).



Figure 1. Project Location and Proposed Temporary Employee Parking



Figure 2 – Proposed Temporary Employee Parking