

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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In accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, this notice is to inform any responsible agencies, interested parties, and organizations that the City of Perris (City) has completed a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the **Western Way Widening and Improvements Project**.

**Project Location:** The Project Site is located in the City of Perris, Riverside County, California. The Project Site includes a 0.5-mile segment of Western Way between Van Buren Boulevard at the City's northern limits, to Harley Knox Boulevard within the Perris Valley Commerce Center Specific Plan Area and the North Perris Road and Bridge Benefit District (NPRBD). The Project would acquire portions of right-of-way (ROW) from properties on either side of Western Way. The Project would require the partial acquisition of property from the following APNs: 294180033, 294180039, 294180032, 294180033, 294180039, 294190068, 294190077, 294190037, 294190038, and 294190066 to the west, along the southbound travel lane, and 294190050, 294190064, 294190058, 294190057, 294190051, 294190032 to the east, along the northbound travel lane.

**Project Description:** The Proposed Project would widen the Western Way ROW alignment to an ultimate width of 94-feet north of Nandina Avenue, and an 88- to 84-foot ROW south of Nandina Avenue, to allow for the construction of a 64-foot wide paved surface with four 12-foot wide through lanes, with left turning lanes at the intersection of Nandina Avenue and Western Way. The Project would include signing and striping improvements. The Project would include an improved storm drain system with two water infiltration basins designed to accommodate a 100-year flood event, as well as a two new catch basins and curb and gutter improvements that would improve conveyance and reduce pooling within the Project Site. Flows onsite south of Nandina Avenue would be directed to a new cross gutter just north of Airport Way, that would feed into a new 18-inch storm drain line that would convey project flows to the existing 24-inch storm drain at the intersection of Nandina Avenue and Western Way. Flows to the north of Nandina Avenue would flow to the catch basin north of Nandina Avenue. In addition to the Project's new north and southbound traffic lanes, the Project would include the relocation of traffic signals, crosswalks, and streetlighting, as well as the installation of new, sidewalks, curb and gutter, ADA ramps, and retaining walls. The location of relocated streetlights would be similar to the existing condition. Furthermore, some existing utilities would need to be relocated as part of the Proposed Project, including:

- Electrical Structures
- Electrical Vaults
- Fire Department Connection (FDC) with Double Detector Check (DDC)
- Fire DDC Backflow Converter
- Fire Hydrants
- Retaining Wall
- Utility Box
- Storm Water Quality Device
- Area Drain

Financing for the design and ROW acquisition would come from local funds allocated from the NPRBD.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** No potentially significant impacts to resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the incorporation of mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** The Project Site is not located on any known listed toxic sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

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**Public Review Period:** In compliance with CEQA, the City has established a 30-day public review period beginning February 5, 2026 to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND. To ensure that all environmental issues are fully identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than March 9, 2026 to:

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Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following location:

City of Perris  
101 North D Street  
Perris, California 92570

The Draft IS/MND is also available online at:

<https://www.cityofperris.org/departments/development-services/planning/environmental-documents-for-public-review>