

## NOTICE OF INTENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Merced has prepared an Initial Study (IS) of environmental effects and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), for the proposed Project Bobcat project (hereinafter referred to as the Proposed Project). The Site Plan Review Committee of the City of Merced will hold a public hearing to be scheduled on Thursday, July 9, 2026, in the City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Merced Civic Center, 678 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340 at 1:30pm (or soon thereafter) to consider the project listed below:

### **Project Bobcat – (SP#25-0016, Initial Study #26-53)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Proposed Project is the development of a heavy industrial distribution facility, encompassing approximately 27.49 acres on a 58.25-acre property. The proposed project features a building footprint of approximately 151,760 square feet, with associated site improvements including parking, truck access, and landscaping. The project will involve the construction of a concrete building designated for distribution purposes within a General Plan designation of Industrial (IND) and a Heavy Industrial zoning classification. The site plan includes full access points for cars, vans, and trucks, ensuring efficient circulation and transportation management. The proposed building will be surrounded by parking facilities, providing 183 standard parking stalls, 7 accessible stalls, and dedicated parking for vans and trucks. The remaining 30.76 acres will be left undeveloped.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS:** The IS/MND has analyzed the potential environmental effects of the project in the range of the environmental subject areas specified in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines.

On the basis of this analysis, the City, acting as the lead agency, finds that the project will not have any significant environmental effects, with mitigation incorporated. Copies of the IS/MND are available for public review at the City of Merced's website: <https://www.cityofmerced.gov/business-and-development/planning/environmental-review-documents>

The City of Merced will accept public and agency comments on the IS/MND during a 30-day public review period starting on **June 4, 2026 and closes on July 3, 2026**. Comments may be sent to the City of Merced, Planning and Permitting Division, 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95340, Attn: Francisco Mendoza-Gonzalez, Economic Development Administrator. Comments will also be accepted via email at [MendozaF@cityofmerced.gov](mailto:MendozaF@cityofmerced.gov).

Interested individuals will be given an opportunity to speak in favor or opposition to the above proposal. Written comments are also accepted by the Planning and Permitting Division, prior to the hearing. Information regarding the hearings is on file and may be viewed by interested individuals in the above office. If you have any questions, please call the Planning and Permitting Division at (209) 385-6858.