



CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
**Notice of Intent to  
Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration**

The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz is preparing to issue a Mitigated Negative Declaration of environmental impact for the following proposed project:

**Project:** 800 West Cliff Drive Roadway Realignment Project      **Application No:** Not Applicable

**Project Location:** 800 West Cliff Drive in the City of Santa Cruz

**Project Applicant:** City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department  
809 Center Street, Room 201, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Project Description:** In December 2023 and early January 2024, high wave and storm events eroded and collapsed a section of the multiuse pathway across from approximately 800 West Cliff Drive and the Light House Field State Beach. The 800 West Cliff Drive Road Realignment project aims to eliminate the weakest link in the West Cliff Drive roadway system as an eroded scarp at the location has encroached to within 21 feet of the existing roadway, partially damaging an adjacent multiuse pathway. The project would shift an approximately 600-foot section of roadway nearest to the scarp approximately 60 feet inland, out of the 100-year erosion zone. A section of the multiuse pathway would also be shifted inland approximately 30 feet. A right-of-way acquisition from State Parks would be required to realign the road and multiuse pathway, as proposed. Other elements of the project include stormwater drainage improvements, minor utility improvements, minor improvements to an existing parking lot, relocation of existing signage and new signage, new fencing, new and relocated benches, removal of existing asphalt along the existing road and multiuse path, and construction site restoration.

**Significant Effects on the Environment:** The Administrator of Environmental Quality of the City of Santa Cruz has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigation measures for biological resources and cultural/tribal cultural resources.

**Public Review Period:** July 2, 2026 through July 31, 2026

A copy of the Negative Declaration and Initial Study document may be reviewed on the City's website at <https://www.santacruzca.gov/Government/City-Departments/Public-Works/Projects> or may be reviewed at the address below, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:30-3:30 PM.

Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be submitted in writing or emailed to Tim Wong at the address below until 5 PM on July 31, 2026. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tim Wong:

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