

1.1 INTRODUCTION AND REGULATORY GUIDANCE

This document is an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Elk Grove Boulevard/Sabrina Lane Improvement project, and has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15000 *et seq.*

The IS/MND is a public document to be used by the City of Elk Grove to determine whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA.

Pursuant to CEQA, if the City finds substantial evidence that any aspect of the proposed project, either individually or cumulatively, may have a significant effect on the environment that cannot be mitigated, regardless of whether the overall effect of the project is adverse or beneficial, the City is required to prepare an environmental impact report (EIR).

If the City finds no substantial evidence that the project or any of its aspects may cause a significant impact on the environment, a Negative Declaration may be prepared with a written statement describing the reasons why a proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore, why it does not require the preparation of an EIR (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15371).

If the City finds that, although the project could potentially have significant impacts, revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the City before the proposed negative declaration is released for public review avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, a Mitigated Negative Declaration may be prepared.

This IS/MND and supporting environmental studies provide analysis of potential environmental impacts and justification for the preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA.

1.2 LEAD AGENCY

The lead agency is the public agency with primary responsibility over a proposed project. Where two or more public agencies will be involved with a project, CEQA Guidelines Section 15051 provides criteria for identifying the lead agency. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(b)(1), "the lead agency will normally be the agency with general governmental powers."

The City of Elk Grove's Public Works Department has initiated preliminary design of the roadway improvements, and the project lies within Elk Grove city limits. The roadway improvements require permits and approvals from the City. Therefore, based on the criteria described above, the City is the lead agency for the proposed Elk Grove Boulevard at Sabrina Lane Improvements Project.

1.3 PURPOSE AND DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this IS/MND is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed roadway improvements. Mitigation measures have also been identified to reduce or eliminate any identified significant and/or potentially significant impacts.

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This document is divided into the following sections:

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This section provides an introduction and describes the purpose and organization of this document.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This section provides a detailed description of the proposed project and the alternatives considered.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING, IMPACTS, MITIGATION MEASURES, AND DETERMINATION

This section describes the environmental setting for each of the environmental subject areas, evaluates a range of impacts classified as “no impact”, “less-than significant”, “potentially significant unless mitigation incorporated”, or “potentially significant” in response to the environmental checklist, and provides mitigation measures, where appropriate, to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less-than-significant level; and provides an environmental determination of the project.

4.0 SUMMARY OF MITIGATION MEASURES

This section provides a summary of mitigation measures for the proposed project.

5.0 REPORT PREPARATION

This section identifies a list of staff and consultants involved in the preparation of this document.

6.0 LIST OF REFERENCES

This section identifies a list of the agencies and documents that were consulted during the preparation of this document.