



City of Morro Bay

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) has been prepared for the project described below in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as set forth in the Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 to 21174, as amended.

Project Title

Morro Creek Multi-Use Trail and Bridge Project

Lead Agency

City of Morro Bay Public Services Department

Description of Project

The proposed project would extend the existing Morro Bay Harborwalk with a pedestrian boardwalk and separated Class I bike path to provide a connection between the Morro Bay waterfront and north Morro Bay. A 12-foot wide paved separated Class I bike path would extend from the Morro Bay Power Plant entry way to the intersection of Embarcadero Road and Coleman Drive. The pedestrian boardwalk and separated Class I bike path would extend from the existing Morro Bay Harborwalk, south of the parking area at Embarcadero Road and Coleman Drive, and continue northward adjacent to the unpaved portion of Embarcadero Road, to Morro Creek. Along this segment, the boardwalk improvements would include an 8-foot wide pedestrian boardwalk, a 2-foot bioswale, a 12-foot wide Class I bicycle path, and a 2-foot shoulder. Bicycle and surrey parking would be located toward the end of the northward pathway extension along the south side of Morro Creek. The total extension of pedestrian boardwalk and separated Class I bike path for the proposed project would be approximately 1,500 and 2,200 linear feet, respectively. An approximately 130-foot long, 13-foot wide, clear span, pedestrian and bicycle bridge would extend the pedestrian boardwalk and bike path across Morro Creek to connect to north Morro Bay on Atascadero Road (State Route 41). The clear-span bridge would be pre-fabricated and pre-engineered and would not include any support structures within the creek bed. For design specifications and visual simulations of the proposed improvements, including the bridge, refer to Appendix A. The bridge would be designed to bear sufficient load and provide adequate clear width to handle emergency vehicles, consistent with Caltrans requirements. The northern bridge abutment will require excavation within the top of Morro Creek bank. Pile driving would not be required.

The project will require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP Number UP0-371) for construction of a bridge project within a stream corridor.

Project Location

1500 Embarcadero Road, within the City of Morro Bay and along the northern portion of the Morro Bay Embarcadero, adjacent to the existing Morro Bay Power Plant. The project site would be located is

FINANCE
595 Harbor Street

ADMINISTRATION
595 Harbor Street

FIRE DEPT.
715 Harbor Street

PUBLIC SERVICES
955 Shasta Avenue

HARBOR DEPT.
1275 Embarcadero Road

CITY ATTORNEY
595 Harbor Street

POLICE DEPT.
870 Morro Bay Boulevard

RECREATION & PARKS
1001 Kennedy Way

primarily located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 066-331-028, 066-461-002, but overlaps other APNs as well. The project disturbance area is approximately 4.8 acres.

Lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code

The proposed project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Review and Comment

The IS-MND is available for public review from October 28, 2013 through November 27, 2013. The document is available at the City of Morro Bay Public Services Department. A digital file copy of the document can be accessed at www.morro-bay.ca.us. Please address comments to Rob Livick, Public Services Director, prior to the close of the comment period on November 27, 2013.

City of Morro Bay Public Services Department
Rob Livick, Public Services Director
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Public Hearing

A public hearing to adopt the IS-MND is scheduled for December 18, 2013 at 6:00p.m.during the Morro Bay Planning Commission held at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.