

County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING ALAN WEAVER, DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that Fresno County intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the following project:

Initial Study Application No. 6689 consists of revising the adopted Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan to include the Lost Lake Pedestrian Nature Trail, and the Fancher Creek Bridle Trail, an existing recreation/equestrian trail. These two trails will be included in the next scheduled update of the Transportation and Circulation and Open Space and Conservation Elements of the October 2000 Fresno County General Plan. The conceptual Lost Lake Pedestrian Nature Trail is planned to be minimum of four feet in width and a maximum of ten feet in width and is located within Lost Lake Park, generally along the San Joaquin River (see Exhibit 2). Portions of the Lost Lake Pedestrian Nature Trail will be ADA accessible. The Fancher Creek Bridle Trail is an existing trail that runs along the east side of Fancher Creek from Kings Canyon Road Drive to California Avenue (see Exhibit 3). The rehabilitated Fancher Creek Bridle Trail will be a non-paved recreational trail. The Revised Plan provides the framework for future development of the County's bicycle, pedestrian and recreational trails network and will make the County eligible for local, state, and federal funding for bicycle and/or recreational trail projects. The Revised Plan is intended to guide and influence bikeway, pedestrian and recreational trail policies, as well as programs and development standards within the County of Fresno to provide a safer, more comfortable, convenient, and enjoyable environment for all bicyclists, trail users and pedestrians. Further implementation of specific projects and programs contained in the Revised Plan may require project specific environmental documentation under the California Environmental Quality Act at the time the project is considered. The project is County-wide.

On August 22, 2013, at 8:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, a Planning Commission Hearing will be held in Room 301, Hall of Records, Tulare & "M" Streets, Fresno, CA to consider the proposal. A Board of Supervisors Hearing will be held to consider adopting the proposed Negative Declaration on September 24, 2013. The public review period during which Fresno County will receive written comments on the proposed project and Negative Declaration will begin on June 14, 2013 and will end on July 15, 2013. All written comments received during this time period will be considered.

You may review the Initial Study and Negative Declaration prepared for this project and the Draft Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan on the County of Fresno's website home page http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=37187. Submit written comments by mail to the address below or via email to: bsholars@co.fresno.ca.us.

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The Initial Study and Negative Declaration and the Draft Fresno County Regional Bicycle and Recreational Trails Master Plan can also be viewed in person at the address shown above in Suite 'A' from: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, except holidays.

For questions, email Briza Sholars at bsholars@co.fresno.ca.us or call (559) 600-4207.

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