NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

TO: Office of the County Clerk
    Environmental Filings
    12400 E. Imperial Highway, Room 1201
    Norwalk, CA  90650

FROM: Department of Development Services
Planning Bureau, 5th Floor
333 W. Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA  90802

In conformance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Notice is hereby given that the City of Long Beach, Lead Agency for the purposes of CEQA, proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND 04-16) for the project described below:

Review Period during which the Lead Agency will receive comments on Negative Declaration ND 04-16

  Starting Date:  Thursday, October 20, 2016
  Ending Date:   Friday, November 18, 2016

Project Title

City of Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan

Project Location

City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, California.

Project Description

The proposed project is a revision to the original 2001 Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan (2001 Plan). The proposed update to the 2001 Plan will serve as the guiding document that contributes to the transformation of Long Beach into the most bicycle friendly city in the United States. The continued development of the City’s network of bicycle facilities will not only make bicycling a more viable mode of transportation, but will contribute to an enhanced quality of life in the City that includes increased public health, community development and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposed updated Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan presents changes to the 2001 Plan by updating the existing conditions section, incorporation of new bicycle facility design guidelines, and a “blueprint” for potential expansion and refinement of the existing bicycle network. The proposed updated Master Plan consists of a set of new and modified objectives and policies.
The proposed 2016 updated Bicycle Master Plan identifies potential projects to improve bicycle transportation throughout Long Beach. Those projects described under the bicycle network improvements will require a separate environmental review and are not part of this environmental analysis. It is only through subsequent approval of any of these facilities that there could be physical change and consequent environmental effect. As such, the bicycle network improvements are a Citywide expression of the goals and objectives of the proposed updated Plan.

The 2016 Long Beach Bicycle Master Plan is a public policy document establishing the framework that provides an overview of the policies and components of a successful bicycle program. The bicycle network improvements are a component of the City's adopted Mobility Element of the Long Beach General Plan. As such, the proposed updated Bicycle Master Plan would require amendments to the Long Beach General Plan. The 2016 Bicycle Master Plan meets the State of California requirement that local governments prepare and adopt a Bicycle Transportation Plan and periodically update it every five years.

Copies of the Negative Declaration and all referenced documents are available for public review by contacting the Planning Bureau staff member shown below or on the internet at:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

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The project study area has not been identified on any list as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Negative Declaration ND 04-16 has determined that no significant impacts would occur to any resource areas as a result of this project.

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