

July 17, 2006

To: Interested Persons

From: Jane James, Senior Planner

SUBJECT: Public Notice Of Availability
Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 05-05 (Newland Street Improvements)

Section 15087 of the State CEQA Guidelines requires a Lead Agency (in this case, the City of Huntington Beach) to provide a notice of availability of a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (EIR) for public review. The following information regarding the characteristics of the project and the availability of the associated environmental documentation is provided according the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c).

Please note that this project was described as Environmental Assessment No. 05-04 in previous documentation. The correct file number is Environmental Assessment No. 05-05.

Proposed project location and characteristics (§15087(c)(1))

The applicant, the City of Huntington Beach Public Works Department, proposes to widen Newland Street from Pacific Coast Highway to Hamilton Avenue, widen the reinforced concrete bridge at Huntington Channel, install storm drain improvements in Newland Street, and raise the profile of Newland Street to improve traffic visibility. A complete description of all project components can be found in Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 05-05. Coastal Development Permit No. 05-07 is required in conjunction with this project.

Start and end dates of the public comment period (§ 15087(c)(2))

The Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days commencing Thursday, July 20, 2006 and ending Friday, August 18, 2006.

Any person wishing to comment on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration may do so in writing within the thirty (30) day comment period by providing written comments to:

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Planning Department
P.O. Box 190,
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dates, times, and places of currently scheduled public meetings (§15087(c)(3))

Subsequent to the comment period, a public hearing will be scheduled before the City of Huntington Beach Zoning Administrator. No specific hearing dates have been established at this time.

Significant environmental effects anticipated to result from the proposed project (§15087(c)(4))

The Mitigated Negative Declaration determined that implementation of the proposed project would result in the following significant or potentially significant impacts:

Significant, unavoidable impacts in the following issue areas:

- None

Potentially significant impacts that could be mitigated to a less-than-significant level in the following issue areas:

- Biological Resources (impacts to wetlands)

Address(es) where copies of the EIR and all documents cited therein are available for public review (§15087(c)(5))

A copy of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at the following locations:

City of Huntington Beach
Planning Department
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/planning/majorprojects.

Presence on the project site of any of lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste disposal sites, and the information in the Hazardous Wastes and Substances Statement required under subsection (f) of that Section (§15087(c)(6))

The project site is not located on a hazardous materials site listed on the DTSC-CORTESE list.