**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE OF INTENT**

 **TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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The City of Folsom proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15000 et. Seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for implementing the South of Highway 50 Backbone Infrastructure Project (proposed project). The proposed project consists of the construction of the backbone infrastructure within the Folsom Plan Area, south of Highway 50 in the City of Folsom, CA. The Folsom Plan Area is bounded by Prairie City Road on the west, Highway 50 on the north, White Rock Road on the south, and the Sacramento County/El Dorado County boundary on the east. The project site is located within the Folsom Plan Area Specific Plan (FPASP) boundaries with some infrastructure improvements and connections proposed north of and crossing Highway 50. The proposed project consists of two main components: 1) updates to the Storm Drainage Master Plan (SDMP), Water Infrastructure Master Plan (WMP), and Sewer Master Plan (SMP) prepared for the implementation of the FPASP Project; and 2) South of Highway 50 Backbone Infrastructure Buildout.

The proposed backbone infrastructure buildout includes four parts: 1) construction of regional connectors, major arterials, and some minor arterials; 2) buildout of the updated SDMP; 3) buildout of the updated WMP; and 4) buildout of the updated SMP. Construction of all infrastructure projects would follow standard procedures to ensure that the flow of traffic on local streets is not impeded.

It should be noted that the project site north of and crossing US 50 is not listed on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites. However, a portion of the Aerojet Superfund site (Area 40) is located in the FPASP area, and is undergoing investigation and remediation under the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). An approximately 54-acre portion of the FPASP area is part of a larger carve-out area that has been removed from the Superfund site. The carve-out area is no longer a Cortese-listed site.

The 30-day period for public review and comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration began December 10, 2014. All comments must be submitted on or before **Tuesday, January 20**, **2015**. Please address comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration as follows:

City of Folsom

Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration

South of Highway 50 Backbone Infrastructure

50 Natoma Street

Folsom, CA 95630

Attn: Scott Johnson

A copy of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting documents can be reviewed at the City of Folsom’s Community Development Department office at the above address, as well as online at <http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/community_development/sphere/current_documents.asp>. For further information regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and the City’s schedule to consider adoption of the document, please contact Scott Johnson at (916) 355-7222.