



**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**  
 100 Civic Center Drive  
 Newport Beach, CA 92660  
 (949) 644-3200

# Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To:		From:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse P.O. BOX 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044		City of Newport Beach Planning Division and Public Works Department 100 Civic Center Drive P.O. Box 1768 Newport Beach, CA 92658-8915	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk, County of Orange Public Services Division Santa Ana, CA 92702		Date: October 6, 2014	
Public Review Period:	30 days – October 6, 2014 through November 5, 2014		
Project Name and Contract Number:	Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration: Park Avenue Bridge Replacement and Temporary Balboa Avenue Bridge Project.		
Project Location:	The site is located along Park Avenue and Balboa Avenue, between Balboa Island and Little Balboa Island, approximately 0.5-mile south of the East Coast Highway (State Route 1), and 0.4-mile north of the Balboa Peninsula area.		
Project Description:	See attached description.		
<p><b>Finding:</b> Pursuant to the provisions of City Council K-3 pertaining to procedures and guidelines to implement the California Environmental Quality Act, the City of Newport Beach has evaluated the proposed project and determined that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.</p> <p>A copy of the Initial Study containing the analysis supporting this finding is <input type="checkbox"/> attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on file at the Public Works Department and Planning Division. The Initial Study may include mitigation measures that would eliminate or reduce potential environmental impacts. This document will be considered by the City Council prior to final action on the proposed project and a noticed public meeting, a notice of the time and location is attached.</p> <p>Additional plans, studies and/or exhibits relating to the proposed project may be available for public review. If you would like to examine these materials, you are invited to contact the undersigned.</p> <p>If you wish to appeal the appropriateness or adequacy of this document, your comments should be submitted in writing prior to the close of the public review period. Your comments should specifically identify what environmental impacts you believe would result from the project, why they are significant, and what changes or mitigation measures you believe should be adopted to eliminate or reduce these impacts. There is no fee for this appeal. If a public meeting will be held, you are also invited to attend and testify as to the appropriateness of this document. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the undersigned.</p>			
Fong Tse, P.E. Principal Civil Engineer	Contact No. (949) 644-3321	Email FTse@newportbeachca.gov	Date October 6, 2014

# POSTED

OCT 06 2014

HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER

BY:  DEPUTY



**POSTED**

**OCT 06 2014**

**HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  DEPUTY

**Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt  
Mitigated Declaration for the Park Avenue Bridge Replacement Project  
City of Newport Beach**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Newport Beach (Lead Agency) has completed an Initial Study and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Park Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

**Project Location:** The site is located along Park Avenue and Balboa Avenue, between Balboa Island and Little Balboa Island, approximately 0.5-mile south of the East Coast Highway (State Route 1), and 0.4-mile north of the Balboa Peninsula area.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would consist of the demolition of the existing Park Avenue Bridge and construction of an improved seismically-reinforced bridge over the Grand Canal. The new bridge would include 11-foot vehicle lanes, 6-foot raised sidewalks, and ADA-compliant switchback ramps. The new bridge structure would be slightly wider than the existing bridge, with a width of approximately 36 feet (compared to the existing width of approximately 30 feet). The improved bridge structure would be positioned within existing City right-of-way (ROW), and does not include nor require any ROW acquisition. To maintain access to Balboa Island and Little Balboa Island during construction activities, the project would consist of the installation of a temporary bridge over the Grand Canal at Balboa Avenue, which would allow for demolition of the entire Park Avenue Bridge at one time and reconstruction in a single phase. Construction of the proposed project would take approximately 10 months to complete. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), the project site is not listed as a hazardous property as designated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

On the basis of the Initial Study, City staff has concluded that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment and has therefore recommended preparation of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, by implementing the identified mitigation measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts will be reduced to a less than significant level.

The IS/MND is available for a 30-day public review period beginning October 6, 2014 and ending November 5, 2014. Copies of the document are available for review at the Public Works Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. The document can also be accessed online at: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1347>. Additionally, copies of the document are also available for review at the following City public libraries during regular business hours:

Newport Beach Public Library  
Corona del Mar Branch  
420 Marigold Ave.  
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

Newport Beach Public Library  
Mariners Branch  
1300 Irvine Avenue  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Newport Beach Public Library  
Balboa Branch  
100 East Balboa Boulevard  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Newport Beach Public Library  
Central Library  
1000 Avocado Avenue  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Written comments on the proposed project must be received no later than November 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. to the attention of Fong Tse at the address listed below or via email. Your comments should specifically identify what environmental impacts you believe would result from the project, why they are significant, and what changes or mitigation measures you believe should be adopted to eliminate or reduce these impacts. There is no fee to submit comments. You are also invited to attend and testify at the public hearings as to the appropriateness of this document.

The Newport Beach City Council is tentatively scheduled to consider this item at a regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 13, 2015 at the City of Newport Beach Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. For additional information, please contact Fong Tse, Principal Civil Engineer, at (949) 644-3321 or at [FTse@newportbeachca.gov](mailto:FTse@newportbeachca.gov)

Fong Tse, Principal Civil Engineer  
Public Works Department  
City of Newport Beach  
100 Civic Center Drive  
Newport Beach, CA 92660

**POSTED**

**OCT 06 2014**

**HUGH NGUYEN, CLERK-RECORDER**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY