

**CITY OF EL MONTE  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

To: County of Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Attn: Business Filing & Registration  
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Norwalk, CA 90650

and

Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
1440 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: City of El Monte  
11333 Valley Boulevard  
El Monte, CA 91731-3293

**Subject: Filing of Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in compliance with Section 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code.**

**Project Title**

Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project

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**Project Location**

The proposed Project will be constructed in the City of El Monte, in Los Angeles County, California. The Project site is located near I-10 and Garvey Avenue and is generally bound by the triangular area formed by the San Gabriel River, I-10, and Valley Boulevard. The proposed storm drain will run south from Maxson Road, turn west onto Garvey Avenue, and turn south towards the drain into the existing MTD 562 system. The infiltration system gallery would be located on Garvey Avenue just east of Maxson Place.

**Project Description**

The City of El Monte is proposing to construct the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation Drainage Improvement Project within City boundaries. This project proposes to include the installation of a new storm drain and an infiltration system to alleviate flooding problems during storm events.

The proposed storm drain improvements are intended to meet current design standards for a 50-year storm and reduce the occurrence of flooding at the Garvey Avenue Grade Separation. The design objective is to reduce the potential flooding hazards to the general public from multiple times a year to approximately once every 50 years. An additional design objective is to improve the water quality of the San Gabriel River by capturing pollutants from dry-weather flows and stormwater from rain events less than or equal to the water quality storm event, defined as the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile, 24-hour rainfall event. The proposed improvements include the following key elements:

- New catch basins on Maxson Place will capture the additional flow from Caltrans' roadway runoff and the outflow from the triple 24-inch culvert crossing under the freeway, as well as runoff captured from the nearby mobile home park and two commercial lots. A proposed 6-foot wide by 2-foot high Reinforced Concrete Box (RCB) storm drain will convey the intercepted flow from these catch basins underground to the intersection of Maxson Place and Garvey Avenue.

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- Catch basins on Garvey Avenue will capture flows from areas east of Maxson Place. This includes commercial properties on Garvey Avenue on both the north and south sides of the street, stretching east to Durfee Avenue. The catch basins will connect to the proposed storm drain in Garvey Avenue.
- New underground infiltration basins will be constructed. The basins will be sized to capture a combined 2.2 million gallons of stormwater from dry-weather and storm events. The stormwater captured in the two infiltration basins will recharge the local aquifer.
- A diversion system and a hydrodynamic separator will be installed in Garvey Avenue to route runoff, using a 36-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), to the proposed Infiltration Basin 1. The hydrodynamic separator will provide pretreatment for improved water quality. It will screen, separate, and trap gross solids to remove floatables and neutrally buoyant materials.
- Storm drain and appurtenance will be constructed to convey runoff from the existing Garvey Avenue Underpass storm drain system that is unable to be pumped out by the existing pump system or captured by the proposed Maxson Place Storm Drain. Flows greater than the pump's capacity will be pretreated and then routed via a proposed 36-inch RCP to the proposed Infiltration Basin 2.
- A 30-inch pump discharge line may be installed conveying the storm water from the existing pump discharge sump to the Basins. The storm drain may be constructed in the existing easement or may require additional easements from Metrolink.
- The proposed Maxson Place Storm Drain will convey runoff from the intersection of Maxson Place and Garvey Avenue eastward within the public street right-of-way of Garvey Avenue. The proposed storm drain will connect with the existing MTD 562 system at Durfee Avenue just south of Garvey Avenue.

**Proposed Review Process**

This is to advise that the City of El Monte has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA environmental determination for the proposed project. At an undefined date in the future, the City proposes to hold a public meeting to discuss and possibly recommend approval of the above project. After public review of the Initial Study is completed, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. Copies of the Initial Study are available for review at the City of El Monte's office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, CA 91731. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for public review and comment from September 30, 2021 - October 30, 2021 (30-day review). Any comments you have must be submitted in writing no later than October 29, 2021.

  
Signature

CITY ENGINEER  
Title

9/22/2021  
Date