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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

To: Interested Individuals, Property Owners, and Public Agencies

This is to advise that the **City of Morgan Hill** has prepared an **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As mandated by State Law, the review period for this document is 45 (forty-five) days.

Project Title: Hale Avenue Extension and Santa Teresa Corridor Widening and Realignment

Project Location: As shown on the following page, the proposed roadway project extends along Santa Teresa Corridor from the intersection of West Main Avenue and Hale Avenue in the north to the intersection of Watsonville Road and Sunnyside Avenue in the south. Except for the section between the DeWitt/Spring Avenue intersection and approximately Edmundson Road, which is located within the County of Santa Clara, the proposed project is located in the City of Morgan Hill.

Project Description: The proposed project is the adoption of an Official Plan Line for the Santa Teresa Corridor from West Main Avenue to Watsonville Road and construction of the proposed roadway improvements. The proposed roadway improvements would be constructed in two phases, Phase I and Phase II. Phase I is the extension of Hale Avenue from West Main Avenue to the Dewitt/Spring Avenue intersection. The approximately 4,500-foot extension would consist of a multi-modal, two-lane road (one lane in each direction), which would include bike lanes with a landscaped center median and a pedestrian/bike path within a right-of-way ranging from 62 to 130 feet wide. Phase I is anticipated to be constructed within the next two to three years, depending on funding availability. Phase II is the realignment and widening of the Santa Teresa Corridor from the Dewitt/Spring Avenue intersection to Watsonville Road. The planned roadway within this approximately two-mile segment of the Santa Teresa Corridor would be widened, and a multi-modal, two-lane road with a landscaped center median and a pedestrian/bike path would be constructed within a 96-foot right-of-way. Phase II is anticipated to be constructed in the next 10 to 15 years.

Public Hearing: The Planning Commission will consider the proposed project and environmental document at a public hearing tentatively scheduled for spring 2017. The hearing will be held in the Morgan Hill City Council Chambers located at 17555 Peak Avenue. The specific date of the hearing will be subject to future notification.

List of potentially significant issues: The Draft EIR identifies the following issues as potentially significant: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Transportation.

The proposed alignment is not located on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List).

Comment Period: The comment period for this document begins on December 23, 2016 and closes on February 6, 2017. Persons having comments concerning this project, including objections to the basis of determination set forth in the EIR, are invited to furnish their comments summarizing the specific and factual basis for their comments, in writing to:

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Document Availability: The Draft EIR and reference documents are available for review from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday at the City of Morgan Hill, Community Development Department, 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037, the Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 during regular business hours, and are posted on the City’s website at <http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/1527/Hale-Santa-Teresa-Project-EIR>. Further details may be obtained from the Community Development Department at (408) 778-6480.

