



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, as amended to date, this notice is to advise you that the City of Palo Alto has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project identified below. The Initial Study concludes that the project described below would not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, the City proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the City's intent to adopt a MND for the project, and to provide an opportunity for public comments on the draft MND and Initial Study.

TO: AGENCIES, ORGANIZATION, + INTERESTED PARTIES	The City of Palo Alto requests comments and concerns from agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.
PROJECT TITLE	Fiber-to-the-Premises Project
PROJECT APPLICANT	City of Palo Alto, Utilities 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, California 94301
PROJECT LOCATION	The project location is the entire city of Palo Alto and small areas of unincorporated Santa Clara County contiguous to Palo Alto.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The proposed project consists of the construction of a fiberoptic backbone and fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) infrastructure to provide communication services throughout the City of Palo Alto. The project involves installing approximately 194 miles of fiberoptic cable, two local aggregation sites, up to approximately 200 underground utility vaults and 147 aboveground utility cabinets, and connections directly to subscribe to the fiber service. Except for the local aggregation sites and connections to subscribers, the fiberoptic cables, vaults, and cabinets would be located within existing public rights-of-way or easements.</p> <p>According to the State Water Resources Control Board, there are more than 100 properties in Palo Alto that are included on a list of hazardous material sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 95962.5.</p>
PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD	This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment

pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The comment period begins on Wednesday, May 01, 2024 and ends on **Friday, May 31, 2024**. This NOI and the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the Planning and Community Environment office at 250 Hamilton Avenue in Palo Alto or online at

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/City-Manager/City-Policy-Initiatives/Palo-Alto-Fiber>.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Palo Alto City Council is anticipated to consider the project as part of its regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2024. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM and will be held at the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue, and hybrid via Zoom. The meeting agenda will be posted to the City Council’s website. Interested parties should check the City Council agenda on the City’s website to confirm the meeting time, date, Zoom link, and location:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/Departments/Planning-Development-Services/Planning-and-Transportation-Commission-PTC/Current-PTC-Agendas-Minutes>

COMMENTS

Please send comments by mail or email, before 5:00 PM on May 31, 2024 to:

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<i>Signature (Public Agency)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>