



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Extension of Public Comment Period to September 18, 2024

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Sonoma County Clerk

Project Title: Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter Improvements

**Lead Agency: City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works
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Review Period: April 24, 2024, to September 18, 2024

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Rosa has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a Response to Comments & Errata to the Draft Public Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter Improvements Project. The Response to Comments for the Draft IS/MND has been recirculated for public review due to the California Department of Fish & Wildlife's (CDFW) recommendation for an additional mitigation measure which constitutes "significant new information" requiring recirculation of the environmental document.

Project Description and Location

The City of Santa Rosa owns and operates the Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter (Sam Jones Hall) located at 4020 Finley Avenue in the southwest incorporated portion of the City. The Sam Jones Hall is a City of Santa Rosa-owned facility critical to providing shelter and services to persons experiencing homelessness, which operates for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Project proposes to enhance the current shelter facility to better accommodate the recent increase in occupants and the quality of the community services provided and is not an evaluation of any impacts resulting from this previously approved permitted use that was determined to be CEQA exempt. The Project includes exterior improvements such as ornamental landscaping features, aboveground community service facilities, additional asphalt parking and a new dedicated entrance driveway, pathways, curb and gutter improvements, pedestrian sidewalks and associated facilities, and modular shower and restroom facilities. Improvements would occur within the Sam Jones Hall site, with some ancillary improvements occurring along Finley Avenue.

The Project site is listed on the Cortese List twice, once on the HWTS (Hazardous Waste Tracking System) database and once on the HAZNET (Haz. Waste Info. Center) database related to the historical disposal of materials containing PCBs and asbestos during historical interior building renovations in 2005. There are no recorded violations associated with these database listings.

Providing Comments

The public review period which began April 24, 2024 has been extended to September 18, 2024. The Response to Comments and Errata to the Draft IS/MND will be available for public review online <https://cippublic.srcity.org/ProjPages/2365.html> or at the following location:

- City of Santa Rosa, Transportation and Public Works Department, 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/MND for the Project during the review period. Comments may be directed to the attention of Dezire Perez-Barbante at 69 Stony Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 or dperez@srcity.org.

After the review period closes, the Santa Rosa City Council will consider a recommendation to adopt the IS/MND for the Project during a regularly scheduled public meeting. At this time the recommendation to adopt has not been scheduled but is anticipated to occur in October 2024. We encourage you to check the City Council webpage to confirm the date and time of the meeting at the following website address: <https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>