



CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Escondido Planning Division has prepared a Negative Declaration for the project described below. This preliminary finding means that there will be no significant environmental effects from the project. The description of the project is as follows:

**CASE NO.:** ER 2005-45, Maple Street Pedestrian Corridor Master Plan & Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza

**DATE ISSUED:** February 25, 2010      **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** March 2, 2010 – March 31, 2010

**LOCATION:** Corridor Master Plan - Maple Street from the alley south of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue north through Grape Day Park to Woodward Avenue  
Plaza - Maple Street from Grand Avenue to W. Valley Parkway

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed Maple Street Pedestrian Corridor Master Plan would provide a framework for the future development of pedestrian amenities and sidewalk enhancements along Maple Street, within the existing public right-of-way, from the public parking lot #2 at Maple Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, north on Maple Street, through the proposed plaza area, along the west side of City Hall and extending through Grape Day Park and the public parking lot to Woodward Avenue. The corridor would include design elements such as paving enhancements, addition of interpretive panels on Escondido history, signage, lighting, public art and street furniture.

The proposed Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza is a Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) (a Sandag grant program) project that involves the reconstruction of the portion of Maple Street between W. Grand Avenue and W. Valley Parkway as a pedestrian plaza while maintaining a one-lane, one-way street with vehicular access from Grand Avenue north to Valley Parkway. Street and plaza improvements would occur within the existing right-of-way and on-street parking (up to 23 spaces) would be eliminated. The southwesterly access driveway to public parking lot #1 would be relocated and an area for a future public restroom would potentially eliminate 3-5 parking spaces. The existing driveway from Maple Street to the property at the southwest corner of Maple Street and W. Valley Parkway would be removed.

**APPLICANT:** City of Escondido, Rob Zaino, Deputy Director of Engineering

The review and comment period will end March 31, 2010. A copy of the environmental Initial Study and the Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review in the Escondido Planning Division, at 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025. Written comments relevant to environmental issues will be considered if submitted to the Planning Division prior to 5:30 p.m., March 31, 2010.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Rozanne Cherry at the Planning Division, telephone (760) 839-4536. Please refer to Case No. ER 2005-45.

**DATED:** February 25, 2010

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An Initial Study has been prepared to assess this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act and Guidelines, Ordinance and Regulations of the City of Escondido. The Initial Study is on file in the City of Escondido Planning Division.

FINDINGS: The findings of this review are that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment since there is no substantial evidence in the record to indicate project related impacts are potentially significant.

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