



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15050, the City of Long Beach is the Lead Agency responsible for preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project identified below.

AGENCIES: The purpose of this notice is to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a SEIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the SEIR to be prepared for the proposed project. Specifically, the City of Long Beach requests input on environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibility in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may rely on the Draft SEIR prepared by the City when considering permits or other approvals for this project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City of Long Beach requests your comments and concerns regarding the proposed scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the SEIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Civic Center Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site includes several areas throughout downtown Long Beach: Civic Block, Lincoln Park Block, Third & Pacific Block, and Center Block. The larger portion of the project site is bounded by Magnolia Avenue and Chestnut Avenue to the west, Broadway to the north, Pacific Avenue to the east, and Ocean Boulevard to the south. In addition, a smaller part of the project site is bounded by Third Street, Cedar Avenue, and Pacific Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The design of the proposed Civic Center project follows the guidance of the Downtown Plan, which was adopted in January 2012. A Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was prepared for the Downtown Plan in accordance with CEQA and certified in January 2012. The project includes a new City Hall, a new Port Building for Harbor Department administration, a new and relocated Main Library, a redeveloped Lincoln Park, a residential development, and a commercial mixed use development. In total, the proposal includes six new buildings, three new parking garages, related infrastructure and landscaping, and two new public street extensions of Chestnut Avenue and Cedar Avenue through the project site. Both the City Hall and Port buildings would be 11 stories in height. The project also includes the demolition of the former Long Beach Courthouse building. The Long Beach Courthouse Demolition Project was studied in a Draft EIR (SCH# 2014051003) that was circulated in October and November of 2014.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the proposed project could have potentially significant impacts on the following environmental factors: **Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, and Transportation/Traffic.**

Scoping Meeting. The City of Long Beach, in its role as Lead Agency, will hold a public scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for the public and representatives of public agencies to address the scope of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. The Scoping Meeting for the project is scheduled for **Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm** at the following location:

**Long Beach Main Library Lower Lobby
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA**

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The public review and comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive comments on the NOP for this proposed project **begins Thursday, April 16, 2015 and ends Friday, May 15, 2015 at 4:30 pm.**

THE NOP AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

City Hall, 333 W. Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor
Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue
Online at: www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please list a contact person for your agency or organization, include U.S. mail and email addresses, and send your comments to:

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