

Civic Center Project

Supplemental Environmental Impact
Report (SEIR)

Planning Commission Study Session

City of Long Beach

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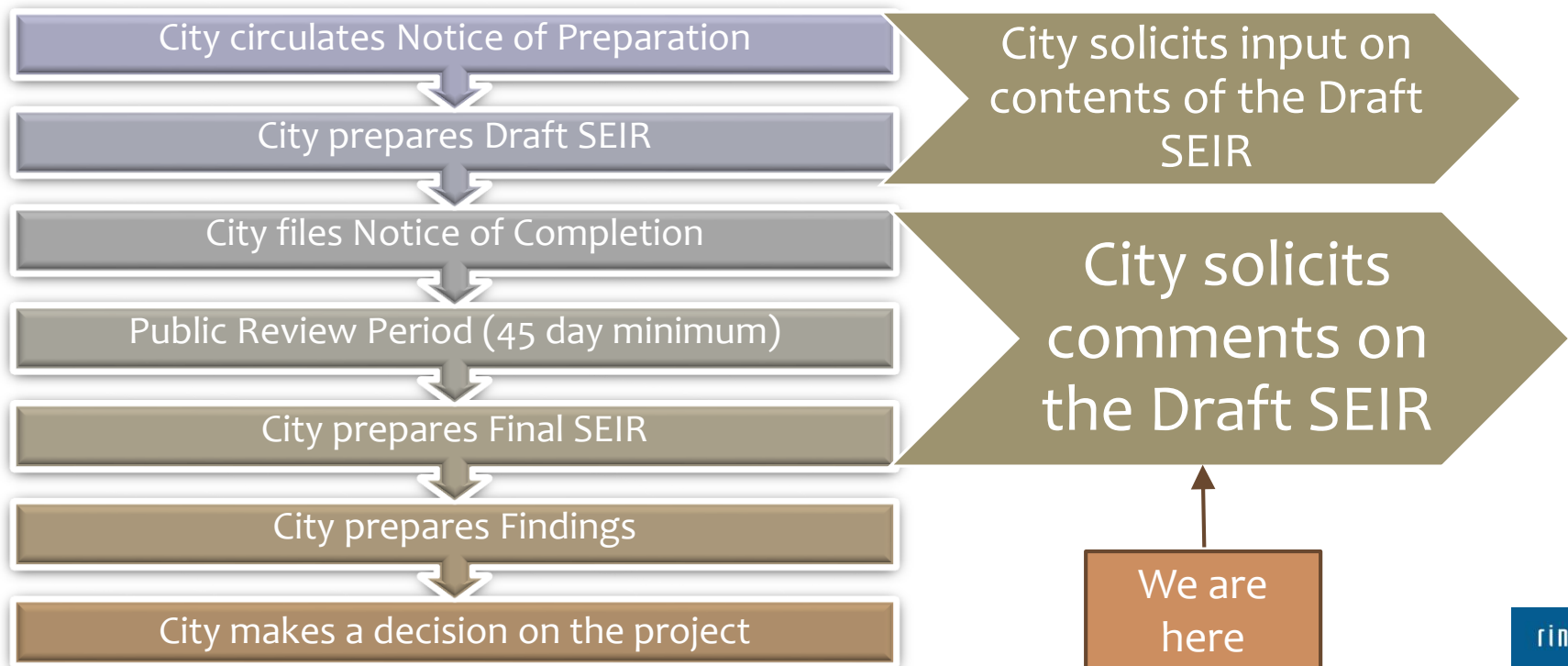
Study Session Purpose

- * Opportunity to answer questions on the Draft SEIR
- * Opportunity for the Planning Commission and the public to provide comment on the Draft SEIR
- * Purpose is NOT to make any decisions or recommendations on the project
- * Project and SEIR will be brought back to the Planning Commission for recommendations to the City Council at a later meeting, after public comment period is over and comments have been responded to in the Final SEIR

CEQA Purpose

- * Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions
- * Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental damage
- * Consider feasible alternatives to proposed actions
- * Enhance public participation in the planning process

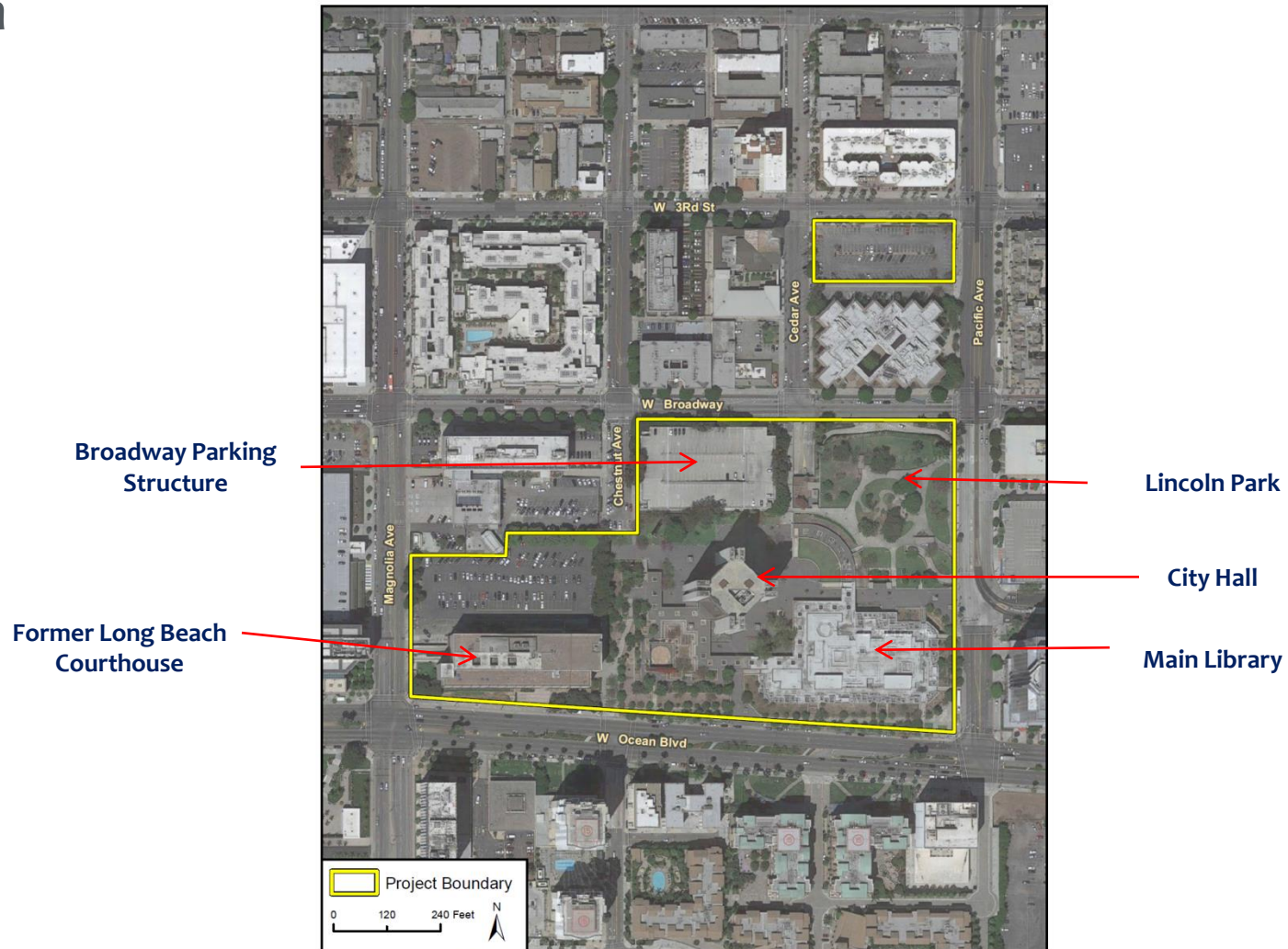
CEQA Environmental Review Process



Project Site

- * Approximately 16 acres in Downtown Long Beach: Civic Block, Lincoln Park Block, Third & Pacific Block, and Center Block
- * Existing: Former Long Beach Courthouse, City Hall, Main Library, Lincoln Park, and Broadway Parking Structure
- * Surrounded by residential, retail, commercial space, and recreational areas

Project Site and Surrounding Area



Proposed Project

- * 6 new buildings:
 - * New City Hall
 - * New Port Building
 - * New and relocated Main Library
 - * Redeveloped Lincoln Park
 - * Residential development
 - * Commercial mixed use development
- * 3 new parking garages
- * 2 new public street extensions of Chestnut Avenue and Cedar Avenue
- * Demolition of existing buildings, including City Hall, Main Library, and former Long Beach Courthouse.

Conceptual Site Plan



Project's Environmental Impacts

- * Class I (Significant and Unavoidable) impacts in the following three impact areas:
 - Air Quality
 - Cultural Resources
 - Noise and Vibration
- * Class II (Significant but Mitigable) impacts in the following three impact areas:
 - Aesthetics
 - Air Quality
 - Noise and Vibration

Class I Impacts (Significant and Unavoidable)

- * Air Quality
 - Long-term operational emissions
 - Exposure of new residents to toxic air contaminants
- * Cultural Resources
 - Historical resources: Courthouse and City Hall-Library Complex
- * Noise and Vibration
 - Temporary construction-related disturbance

Class II Impacts (Significant but Mitigable)

- * Aesthetics
 - Temporary construction impacts
- * Air Quality
 - Demolition emissions from implosion
- * Noise and Vibration
 - Operational noise from loading areas and commercial uses
 - Exposure of new residents to excessive noise
- * Other CEQA
 - Vermin from demolition

Class III Impacts (Less than Significant)

- * Aesthetics
 - Scenic resources
 - Shadows
- * Air Quality
 - Air Quality Management Plan consistency
 - Carbon Monoxide Hotspots
- * Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Construction and Operational emissions
 - GHG plans and policies consistency

Class III Impacts (Less than Significant)

- * Noise and Vibration

- Operational vibration
- Traffic-generated noise increases

- * Transportation and Traffic

- Circulation system performance
- Design feature hazards

Opportunities for Public Comment

- Public Comment Period: 8/4/15-9/17/15
- Study Session: 8/20/15
- Planning Commission Hearing: 10/8/15
- City Council Hearing: 11/17/15

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