



Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan Land Use and Urban Design Elements Project

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21091 and 21092 and *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines* Section 15105 and 15087(a), notice is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH No: 2015051054) for the General Plan Land Use and Urban Design Elements Project (proposed project) is available for public review during the public comment period (September 2, 2016 through November 1, 2016). The City of Long Beach (City) has prepared the DEIR to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project; to discuss alternatives; and to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will minimize, offset, or otherwise reduce or avoid those environmental impacts.

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach, Development Services/Planning Bureau

Project Title: General Plan Land Use and Urban Design Elements Project

Project Location: The entire 50 square miles within the limits of the City of Long Beach (excluding the City of Signal Hill) in Los Angeles County (County), California.

Project Description: The proposed project is an update to the City's existing General Plan and is intended to guide growth and future development through the year 2040. The proposed project includes the approval of both the General Plan Land Use Element (LUE) and Urban Design Element (UDE), which would replace the existing LUE and Scenic Routes Element, respectively.

The proposed LUE would introduce the concept of "PlaceTypes," which would replace the current approach in the existing LUE of segregating property within the City through traditional land use designations and zoning classifications. PlaceTypes would divide the City into distinct neighborhoods, thus allowing for greater flexibility and a mix of compatible land uses within these areas.

The proposed UDE would define the physical aspects of the urban environment and would enhance the PlaceTypes established in the proposed LUE by creating great places; improving the urban fabric and public spaces; and defining edges, thoroughfares, and corridors. By improving the urban fabric, the City would allow for new development that would complement the existing historical development while serving as a unique and distinctive feature of the City.



The planning area contains one hazardous materials site located off of Ocean Boulevard and Navy Way enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. This site is located within the Port of Long Beach Area, which is not targeted for any land use changes under the proposed project, as new development within the Port is regulated by the Port of Long Beach. The status of this site is currently active and there are land use restrictions currently in place.

Draft EIR: The DEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Global Climate Change, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities. Impacts that were determined to be less than significant prior to the preparation of the DEIR were discussed and evaluated in the Initial Study. The analysis contained in the Initial Study determined that the proposed project would result in either no impact or a less than significant impact to Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, and Recreation. All potentially significant impacts can be reduced to a less than significant level with adherence to Standard Conditions and prescribed Mitigation Measures, with the exception of impacts related to Air Quality, Global Climate Change, and Transportation/Traffic. Impacts related to Air Quality, Global Climate Change, and Transportation/Traffic would remain significant and unavoidable despite the implementation of all feasible Standard Conditions and Mitigation Measures.

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the DEIR during the public comment period (September 2, 2016 through November 1, 2016). **Written comments on the DEIR must be submitted no later than Tuesday, November 1, 2016, to the address below.**

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STUDY SESSION ON THE DEIR

Planning Commission Study Session
October 6, 2016 at 5:00 PM
First Floor Council Chamber, City Hall
333 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA

DEIR REVIEWING LOCATIONS

Online
http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

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