



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft 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 an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 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 an EIR pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR 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 EIR 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 EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Alamitos Avenue "Complete Streets" Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site encompasses the stretch of Alamitos Avenue between 7th Street and Ocean Boulevard in the City of Long Beach, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves a modification to Alamitos Avenue between 7th Street and Ocean Boulevard to a two-lane divided roadway with on-street bike lanes that would match the roadway section north of 7th Street. North of 7th Street, Alamitos Avenue has been restriped to provide a two-lane, divided roadway, separated by a two-way left-turn, with on-street parking and on-street bike lanes, as well as a buffer to separate bicycle traffic from vehicular traffic. Currently, most of the project site provides two-lanes in each direction separated by a two-way left-turn lane; south of 3rd Street, only one southbound through lane is provided to just past Broadway. Before restriping activities, the project would remove and recycle existing asphalt within the project site and resurface the roadway. The project site is approximately 3,400 feet of road length and 4.7 acres.

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: **Transportation/Traffic.**

Scoping Meeting. No scoping meeting will be held for the proposed project.

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 Tuesday, January 31, 2017 and ends Wednesday, March 1, 2017 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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