



NOTICE OF PREPARATION City of Oceanside

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan - Circulation Element Update

Dear Interested Parties,

The City of Oceanside will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the General Plan - Circulation Element Update. We need to know your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is important to you in connection with the Circulation Element Update.

The project description, location, and the probable environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (☐ is ☒ is not) attached.

Please send your response at the earliest possible date, but no later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Scott Nightingale, City of Oceanside, Planning Division, 300 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054, email: snightingale@ci.oceanside.ca.us

Scoping Meeting: A public scoping meeting for the PEIR has been scheduled for:

Date: Monday, February 8, 2010

Time: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Location: City of Oceanside, Council Chambers (300 North Coast Highway). Access to the Council Chambers is from Mission Avenue to Ditmar Street. Parking is available in the City's parking structure.

Project Applicant: City of Oceanside

Date: January 21, 2010

Signature

Title

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City Planner

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General Plan – Circulation Element Update Environmental Scoping and Public Information Meeting

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65302(b), a Circulation Element is a required component in all County and City General Plans. The Circulation Element provides goals, objectives, and policies to maintain and improve the City of Oceanside's transportation system and enhance travel choices for current and future residents, visitors, and workers. These policies are complemented by the policies in the Land Use, Noise, Recreational Trails, and Community Facility Elements on related topics such as smart growth and management of public space. Implementation of the Circulation Element policies will also help to efficiently accommodate the growth envisioned in the Land Use Element.

The City of Oceanside is proposing to update the Circulation Element of the City's General Plan. The Update will establish Goals and Objectives for the Circulation Element, and the recommended Policies needed to support and achieve them. The Update will address the following components of the element:

- Master Transportation/Circulation Plan
- Level of Service Policies
- Transportation Issues, Traffic Growth and Potential Future Roadway Improvements (see map)
 - SR-78/I-5 Interchange (Caltrans and City)
 - Rancho Del Oro Road/SR-78 Interchange (Caltrans)
 - SR-76 Improvements to Six Lanes (Caltrans)
 - Melrose Drive Extensions (northern and southern extensions) - Separate project-level EIR currently under preparation for southern extension.
 - College Boulevard Widening to Six Lanes
 - Pala Road Extension
 - Mission Avenue Improvement
 - Coast Highway Improvement
- Goals & Policies for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program
- Goals & Policies for Existing & Future Public Transit and Railway Systems
- Goals and Policies for Local and Regional Bicycle (Comprehensive Bicycle Master Plan updated December 2008), and Equestrian Facilities (including Mountain Bike Trails)
- Goals and Policies for Pedestrian Facilities (Pedestrian Master Plan updated November 2009)

- Identification and Incorporation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Technologies with Supporting Goals and Policies
- Goals and Policies for Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program

The Update components identified above will be analyzed at the level of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Probable environmental impacts that will be analyzed as part of the Program EIR include: aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality (including Greenhouse Gas emissions), biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems.

The highlighted proposed network improvements are shown on the attached map.

HOW CAN YOU LEARN MORE AND COMMENT?

The City of Oceanside will be holding a public scoping meeting (February 8, 2010, 6:00-8:00 P.M., Council Chambers) on the project to provide public agencies and members of the public with information about the proposed project and to provide input on the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The format of the meeting will be to provide a brief project presentation at the beginning of the meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting is an opportunity for interested parties to provide input on environmental issues, which should be considered in the upcoming PEIR. Forms will be available for the public to document issues to be addressed in the PEIR. In addition, a series of exhibits will be available to convey information on the project. Representatives of the City and its consultant team will be available to answer questions and receive input.

For more information, contact the John Amberson, Project Manager with the City of Oceanside at (760) 435-5091, email: jamberson@ci.oceanside.ca.us