

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY
OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE COLLEGE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(SCH # 2015051018)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 16, 2019 the City of Oceanside, acting as Lead Agency, issued for public review and comment a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, evaluates potential environmental effects associated with the proposed College Boulevard Improvement Project.

The Draft EIR may be accessed on the City of Oceanside website at <https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/planning/ceqa/default.asp>. During the state-prescribed review period, copies of the Draft EIR will also be available for public review at the City of Oceanside Development Services Department (300 N. Coast Highway Oceanside, CA 92054), the Oceanside Public Library (330 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside, California 92054), and the Oceanside Public Library Mission Branch (3861-B Mission Avenue, Oceanside, California 92508). All written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR must be received by the City no later than January 30, 2020. Written comments should be submitted to Mahsima Mohammadi, Associate Engineer, at the City of Oceanside, 300 N. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054, or via e-mail to mmohammadi@oceansideca.org.

A public meeting will be held during the prescribed public review period on January 9, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held at the El Corazon Senior Center, 3302 Senior Center Drive, Oceanside, California 92056. The purpose of the public meeting is to solicit comments on the analysis presented in the Draft EIR.

In accordance with state law, a 45-day public review period has been established for the Draft EIR. Following the close of the public review period, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be prepared. Together with the Draft EIR, these comments will constitute the Final EIR. If you wish to challenge the City's action on this Draft EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or others raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Oceanside Development Services Department during the public review period.

This notice of availability is required to be filed with the County Clerk's office for a period of not less than forty-five (45) days.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed College Boulevard improvement corridor stretches from Waring Road/Barnard Drive north to Old Grove Road (a distance of approximately 2.41 miles). Major intersections within the College Boulevard improvement corridor include those at Roselle Avenue, Marvin Street, Thunder Drive, Oceanside Boulevard, and Avenida De La Plata.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: College Boulevard is proposed to be widened to a 6-lane major arterial from Olive Drive to Old Grove Road, which would be consistent with the City of Oceanside's Circulation Element Year 2030 classification of College Boulevard. Expansion of the existing College Boulevard right-of-way (ROW) to accommodate proposed improvements would require ROW acquisition along segments of the corridor. While additional travel lanes would not be provided between Waring Road/Barnard Drive and Olive Drive, the City proposes road and right-of-way improvements to the corridor to enhance existing and future traffic operations, provide congestion relief and reduce queue

lengths, improve safety conditions for the unsignalized intersections and access points along the corridor, and provide safer travel routes for bicyclists and pedestrians. Improvements include minor widening near the College Boulevard/Waring Road intersection to convert the existing southbound and northbound right turn lanes into through lanes and provide new right turn lanes in either direction. At the College Boulevard/Marvin Street intersection, improvements include reducing the pedestrian crossing distance, installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant pedestrian ramps at all corners, and new crosswalk striping.

A General Plan Amendment (GPA# 15-00001) is required to revise the City of Oceanside's Circulation Element Year 2030 classification of College Boulevard from a 6-lane major arterial to a 4-lane major arterial from Waring Road/Barnard Drive to Olive Avenue.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR identifies that the proposed project would result in either no impacts, less than significant impacts, or impacts are mitigated to less than significant levels relative to aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, public services, traffic and circulation, tribal cultural resources, recreation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. The Draft EIR identifies that significant and unavoidable impacts would occur related to air quality and greenhouse gas emissions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Following the close of the public review period for the Draft EIR and preparation of the Final EIR, the proposed project will be reviewed by the City Council. The City Council will be the final authority on project approval and the requisite amendments to the General Plan. Notification of these public hearings will be provided in accordance with state law and the City's public notification requirements.

DRAFT EIR PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Monday, December 16, 2019 through Thursday, January 30, 2020.