Civic Center Project
Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)
Planning Commission Study Session
City of Long Beach
August 20, 2015
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

- City prepares Draft SEIR
- City files Notice of Completion
- Public Review Period (45 day minimum)
- City prepares Final SEIR
- City prepares Findings
- City makes a decision on the project

City solicits input on contents of the Draft SEIR
City solicits comments on the Draft SEIR

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**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

- Broadway Parking Structure
- Former Long Beach Courthouse
- Lincoln Park
- City Hall
- Main Library
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

- Civic Block
- Center Block
- Third and Pacific Block
- Lincoln Park and New Library Block
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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