

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A RECIRCULATED 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 Recirculated 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 (June 18, 2019 through August 16, 2019). The City of Long Beach (City) has prepared the Recirculated DEIR to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project based on changes made to the project after its original circulation in 2016 as approved by the Long Beach City Council on March 6, 2018; 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 mix of compatible land uses within the areas.

The proposed UDE would define the physical aspects of the urban environment and would facilitate the PlaceTypes established in the proposed LUE by creating great places; improving the urban fabric and public spaces; and defining edges, thoroughfares, and corridors.

The planning area does not contain any hazardous materials sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Recirculated Draft EIR:** A Draft EIR was previously circulated from September 1, 2016, to November 18, 2016. As per *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 15088.5, a lead agency is required to recirculate an EIR when significant new information is added to the EIR, or when recirculation occurs after giving public notice of the availability of the Draft EIR for public review and before certification of the EIR. Based on comments received during and after the Draft EIR public review period, changes were made to the project to address concerns related to height, density, additional housing units, and traffic. On March 6, 2018, the Long Beach City Council adopted a revised set of land use and height maps. In compliance





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with the California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21092.1 and *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 15088.5, the City has prepared this Recirculated Draft EIR to evaluate whether the revised project would result in a new environmental impact or a substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact as compared to the original project and the 2016 Draft EIR.

The Recirculated Draft EIR 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, Utilities, and Energy. Impacts that were determined to be less than significant prior to the preparation of the Recirculated DEIR were discussed and reevaluated in the Initial Study. The analysis contained in the Initial Study and in the Effects Found Not to Be Significant Section of the Recirculated DEIR Introduction Chapter (Chapter 2.0) determined that the project would result in either no impact or a less than significant impact to Agricultural Resources, Biological Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, Recreation, and Wildfires. All potentially significant impacts can be reduced to a less than significant level with adherence to Compliance Measures and specific prescribed Mitigation Measures, with the exception of impacts related to Air Quality, Global Climate Change, Noise, and Transportation. Impacts related to Air Quality, Global Climate Change, Noise, and Transportation would remain significant and unavoidable despite the implementation of all feasible Compliance Measures and Mitigation Measures.

The City is circulating the Recirculated Draft EIR for public review and comment for a period of 60 days, which is consistent with the review period for the 2016 Draft EIR and is 15 days longer than the 45-day review period required by Section 15105(a) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. As described further in Section 15088.5(f) of the *State CEQA Guidelines*, a Lead Agency may choose to evaluate and respond to comments in one of two ways: (1) require reviewers to submit new comments when an EIR is substantially revised and the entire document is recirculated (in such cases, a Lead Agency need not respond to comments received during an earlier comment period); or (2) request that reviewers limit their comments to only the revised chapter or portions of the Recirculated EIR. Since the Recirculated Draft EIR has been substantially revised, the City is requiring that reviewers submit new comments on the revised project addressed in the Recirculated EIR (Section 15088.5[f][1] of the *State CEQA Guidelines*). As such, the City is not required to respond to comments received during the previous comment period for the original project and Draft EIR, although all comments received during the previous comment period will still be included in the administrative record.

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 (**June 18, 2019 through August 16, 2019**). **Written comments (accepted via email and/or letter) on the Recirculated DEIR must be submitted no later than close of business August 16, 2019, to the address below. Note that only written comments provided by mail or email to the below contact will be responded to; posts on social media will not be considered comments.**

**Address Comments to:**

City of Long Beach  
Department of Development Services  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802  
Attention: Alison Spindler, Project Manager  
LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov

A hearing of the Planning Commission will be scheduled to take place subsequent to the end of the comment period,



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and upon recommendation of the Planning Commission to the City Council, a hearing of the City Council will take place on this matter.

## **RECIRCULATED DEIR REVIEWING LOCATIONS**

**Online:** <http://longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

### **In-Person:**

City of Long Beach, Development Services/Planning Bureau  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

*Note- due to the opening of the new Civic Center, the Planning Bureau will be moving next door to 411 West Ocean Blvd during the review period. Beginning approximately Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, when the new City Hall opens to the public, a copy will be available at 411 West Ocean Blvd instead of 333 West Ocean Blvd).*

### **Libraries**

Hardcopies and electronic copies of the Recirculated Draft EIR can be found at the following libraries in the City:

Alamitos Neighborhood Library  
1836 E. Third St.  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Bach Neighborhood Library  
4055 N. Bellflower Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90808  
Bay Shore Neighborhood Library  
195 Bay Shore Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90803  
Brewitt Neighborhood Library  
4036 E. Anaheim St.  
Long Beach, CA 90804

El Dorado Neighborhood Library  
2900 Studebaker Rd.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Dana Neighborhood Library  
3680 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90807  
Mark Twain Neighborhood Library  
1401 E. Anaheim St.  
Long Beach, CA 90813  
Burnett Neighborhood Library  
560 E. Hill St.  
Long Beach, CA 90806

Los Altos Neighborhood Library  
5614 Britton St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
Harte Neighborhood Library  
1595 W. Willow St.  
Long Beach, CA 90810  
Senior Center Library  
1150 E 4th St,  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Michelle Obama Neighborhood  
Library  
5870 Atlantic Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90805

*Note that the Long Beach Main Library is closed due to construction activities, so there will not be a copy provided at that location.*