

Date of Notice: July 28, 2017 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND A SCOPING MEETING PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego as the Lead Agency has determined that the project described below will require the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Preparation of a PEIR and Scoping Meeting was publicly noticed and distributed on July 28, 2017. This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and placed on the City of San Diego website at:

http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/notices/index.shtml

and on the Planning Department website at:

https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/programs/ceqa

SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting will be held as a part of the Mission Valley Community Open House hosted by the City of San Diego's Planning Department on **August 12**, **2017**, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the former Bath and Body Works across from Ruby's Diner at the Westfield Mission Valley Mall located at 1640 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA, 92108. The environmental scoping station will be one of multiple stations at the Mission Valley Community Open House, where staff will provide information to the public about the project scope, environmental issues to be analyzed in the PEIR, and how to comment on the NOP. Written comments regarding the scope of environmental issues and alternatives to be analyzed within the proposed EIR will be accepted at the meeting.

Written/mail-in comments may also be sent to the following address: **Rebecca Malone**, **Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 1010 Second Avenue, Suite 1200, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92101 or e-mail your comments to <u>PlanningCEOA@sandiego.gov</u> with the Project Name and Project Number in the subject line** within 30 days of the date of the Public Notice above (August 27, 2017). Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. An EIR incorporating public input will then be prepared and distributed for the public to review and comment.

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Mission Valley Community Plan Update / Project No. 518009 **COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mission Valley **COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 7

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is a comprehensive update of the Mission Valley Community Plan, which was originally adopted in 1985 and has undergone over 20 amendments since. As shown in attached Figure 1, Mission Valley is in the geographic center of the city, is accessible from I-5, I-8, I-15, I-805 and SR 163, and is served by the Green Line Trolley, which connects Mission Valley to Downtown San Diego and the citywide transit network. Mission Valley is a regional center of offices, hotels, and retail businesses, with a growing residential community. The San Diego River lies at the foot of the valley, flowing east to west.

The Community Plan Planning Area is generally bounded by Friars Road and the northern slopes of the valley on the north, the eastern banks of the San Diego River on the east, the southern slopes of the valley on the south, and Interstate 5 on the west, encompassing an area of approximately five square miles. Figure 2 shows the planning boundaries. Mission Valley is bordered by several other community planning areas: Old Town San Diego, Uptown, Greater North Park, Normal Heights, Kensington–Talmadge, and College Area to the south, Navajo to the east, Tierrasanta, Kearny Mesa, Serra Mesa, and Linda Vista to the north, and Mission Bay Park to the west.

The Community Plan is being updated through a community-driven process that entails community workshops and open houses, stakeholder meetings, online engagement, and other outreach activities. A subcommittee of the Mission Valley Community Planning Group is also actively engaged in the process. The updated Community Plan is anticipated to include policies and actions to foster a mixed-use, transit-oriented, and pedestrian-friendly Mission Valley community, promote additional housing to accommodate a diverse range of household sizes and incomes, enhance the San Diego River, and provide additional open spaces. More information on the project and efforts to date can be found on the project website https://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/cpu/missionvalley

APPLICANT: City of San Diego, Planning Department

RECOMMENDED FINDING: Pursuant to Section 15060(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, it appears that the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Energy Conservation, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Historical Resources, Public Safety/Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Paleontological Resources, Population and Housing, Public Services and Facilities, Public Utilities, Transportation/Circulation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Visual Effects and Neighborhood Character. Topics not proposed to be analyzed in the PEIR are Agricultural Resources and Mineral Resources due to a lack of presence of these resources in the Planning Area.

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, call the Planning Department at (619) 235–5200 OR (800) 735–2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Rebecca Malone at (619) 446–5371. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Project Manager, Nancy Graham, at (619) 236–6891. This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on July 28, 2017.

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DISTRIBUTION: See Attached **ATTACHMENTS:** Figure 1: Mission Valley Regional Location Figure 2: Mission Valley Community Plan Boundary



Figure 2: Mission Valley Community Plan Boundary



Data Source: City of San Diego, 2015; SANGIS/SANDAG Regional GIS Data Warehouse, 2015. (www.sangis.org) Dyett & Bhatia, 2015





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