



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
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SERVICES

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
FOR THE FREEPORT BOULEVARD BIKE LANE PROJECT
NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING**

Public Review Period: January 13, 2012 through February 13, 2012

Public Scoping Meeting: C.K. McCLATCHY HIGH SCHOOL (cafeteria)
3066 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA, 95818
Wednesday, January 25, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The City of Sacramento, Community Development Department (Environmental Planning Services) will be the Lead Agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Freeport Boulevard Bike Lane Project (proposed project). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15082, states that once a decision is made to prepare an EIR, the lead agency must prepare a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform all responsible agencies of that decision. The purpose of the NOP is to provide responsible agencies and interested persons with sufficient information describing the proposed project and the project's potential environmental effects to enable them to make a meaningful response as to the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. The responses to this NOP will help the City of Sacramento determine the scope of the EIR and ensure an appropriate level of environmental review.

A public scoping meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the C.K. McClatchy High School, in the cafeteria. Responsible agencies and members of the public are invited to attend and provide input on the scope of the EIR. All interested parties are welcome to attend the scoping meeting.

The Proposed Project

Freeport Boulevard, between north Sutterville Road and 4th Avenue is currently a four lane roadway (two through lanes in each direction) with no left turn lanes, and no bike lanes. Freeport Boulevard south of Sutterville Road has two through lanes in each direction with bike lanes. 21st Street between 4th Avenue and Broadway is a one lane roadway in each direction with parking lanes and bike lanes. See Figure 1 (Project Location).

Responding to the interest in developing a "complete street" that addresses the lack of bicycle lanes/facilities; improving safety and mobility for all transportation modes such as bicycle, walking and transit; and reducing the number of travel lanes on Freeport Boulevard from four to three or two lanes, and adding bike lanes; the City of Sacramento is considering changing the roadway configuration as part of scheduled roadway maintenance.

The City proposes to modify the Freeport Boulevard roadway cross-section from the existing four lanes to two travel lanes with Alternative 1 or two travel lanes with a two-way left turn lane in Alternative 2. Bike lanes and parking variations are proposed with both alternatives. Additionally, a focused study for the Freeport Boulevard and 21st Street intersection with up to three intersection options will be evaluated.

The proposed improvement alternatives constitute a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the City will conduct environmental review. The City will prepare an initial study and a focused environmental impact report (EIR) for the project.

The EIR will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommend mitigation measures, as required. The EIR will provide a project-specific evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed project, pursuant to Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The City anticipates that the following technical areas will be addressed in the EIR to determine whether the project would result in any additional significant environmental effects: Urban Design and Visual Resources; Air Quality (including climate change and greenhouse gas emissions); Noise; Public Services; and, Transportation and Circulation.

The EIR will include an analysis of project alternatives. The City has determined that the project is an anticipated future project in the Master EIR for the 2030 General Plan, and that the analysis of cumulative effects, growth-inducing effects and irreversible effects set forth in the Master EIR is adequate for the project. The 2030 General Plan is available at www.sacgp.org/. The Master EIR may be viewed at: <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/dsd/planning/environmental-review/eirs/>.

Comments on the Notice of Preparation

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed project is addressed and that all significant issues are identified, written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of the proposed EIR are invited from all interested parties. Written comments must be received at the following address no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2012**.

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Figure 1 – Project Location

