October 17, 2017

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Scott Johnson, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY-DRAFT SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN MASTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO ADDRESS PROPOSED CHANGES TO PLANNED ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NORTH NATOMAS COMMUNITY PLAN AREA (SCH#: 2012122006)

The proposed project is located in the North Natomas community in the City of Sacramento. The North Natomas Community Plan (NNCP) covers approximately 9,000 acres in the northwest portion of the Sacramento, including 7,440 acres within the City limits and 1,560 acres within Sacramento County. The proposed project site is located entirely within the City of Sacramento. The NNCP is bounded by Elkhorn Boulevard on the north, I-80 on the south, the Natomas East Main Drainage Canal on the east, and the West Drainage Canal, Fisherman’s Lake, and Highway 99 on the west. The project site includes two components. The first would eliminate the vehicular portion of Natomas Crossing Drive between East Commerce Way and El Centro Road, including the overcrossing of I-5, and replace with adoption of plans for an off-street bike path. The second would convert the Gibraltar Street/White Eagle Lane connection between Beretania Way and Windsong Street from a local street to a paved trail. This connection crosses the future alignment of Snowy Egret Drive.

COMMENT PERIOD: October 19, 2017 to December 4, 2017 (Comment period ends - 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2017).

As Lead Agency, the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, Environmental Planning Services, has completed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) to Address Proposed Changes to Planned Roadway Improvements in the North Natomas Community Plan Area. The document is now available for public review and comment. You may review a printed copy or obtain a CD copy of the document at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00am and 4:00pm (except weekends and holidays). An electronic copy of the document is also available for review at the North Natomas Library. The document will be available at the City’s Community Development Department, environmental documents webpage at the following link:

http://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports

The proposed Project, located in the North Natomas Community Plan area of the City of Sacramento, consists of revisions to the General Plan Mobility Element, including the Citywide Circulation Diagram, the North Natomas Community Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan, and update of the Financing Plan to reflect the proposed changes as follows: a) Elimination of the vehicular portion of Natomas Crossing Drive between East Commerce Way and El Centro Road, including the overcrossing of I-5, and adoptions of plans for an off-street bike path to accommodate bicycles and pedestrians including a bicycle/pedestrian only overcrossing of I-5. This future roadway extension is shown as an arterial roadway on the Citywide Circulation Diagram in the 2035 General Plan; and b) Conversion of the Gibraltar Street/White Eagle Lane Connection between Beretania Way and Windsong Street from a local road to a paved trail for use only by bicycles and pedestrians.
The DSEIR has been prepared pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines section 15163. Future physical construction and development resulting from buildout of the NNCP will require various discretionary permits over time, and environmental review pursuant to the requirements of CEQA will be occur at the appropriate time. The issue area discussed within the DSEIR that has been identified as having potentially significant impacts, including significant and unavoidable impacts, is Transportation and Circulation.

The DSEIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period from October 19, 2017 to December 4, 2017. Written comments regarding the Draft Subsequent EIR should be received by the Environmental Planning Services NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm, Monday, December 4, 2017 (note: public counter hours are 9:00am and 4:00pm (except weekends and holidays)).

Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Scott Johnson (916) 808-5842.

Thank you.