

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION AND ADAPTATION PLAN AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE PROJECT

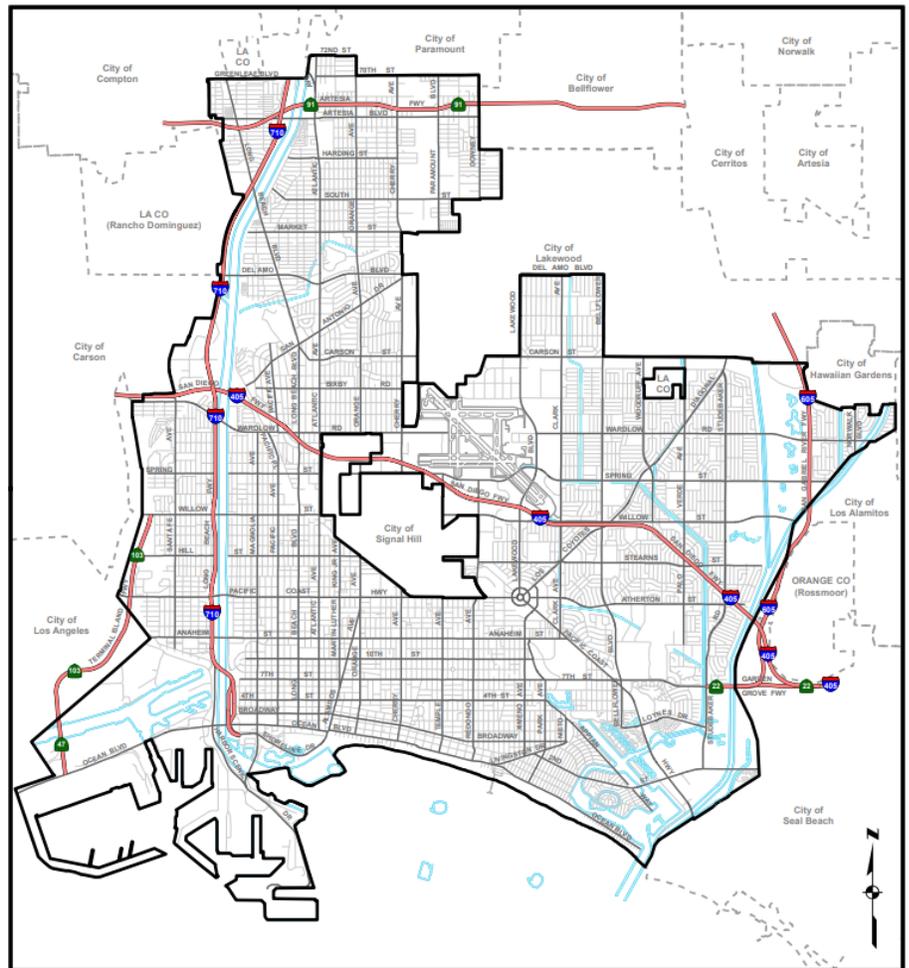
Pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21091 and 21092 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) *State Guidelines* Sections 15105 and 15087(a), notice is hereby given that a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) (SCH No. 2015051054) for the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and Safety Element Update (proposed project) is available for public review during the public comment period (**March 18, 2022, through May 2, 2022**). The City of Long Beach (City) has prepared the Draft SEIR to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project; to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will minimize, offset, or otherwise reduce or avoid those environmental impacts; and to discuss alternatives that could reduce the potentially significant impacts of the proposed project.

**Lead Agency:** City of Long Beach, Development Services/ Planning Bureau

**Project Title:** Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and Safety Element Update 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, California.

**Project Description:** The proposed project involves both the adoption of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Project (CAAP) and a Safety Element Update. The CAAP is a comprehensive planning document outlining the City's proposed approach both to address climate impacts on Long Beach and to reduce Long Beach's impact on the climate by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The CAAP was a mitigation measure for the Long Beach Land Use Element (LUE) and Urban Design Element (UDE) Program EIR (2019 Certified Program EIR). The proposed project is considered a policy/planning action and adoption of the proposed project does not constitute approval or entitlement for any physical improvements or development.



The proposed project is the adoption of the CAAP and associated amendments to the General Plan Safety Element to bring the Safety Element up to date and into compliance with a number of State laws including relating to climate change and resiliency. The proposed CAAP is a comprehensive planning document outlining the City's proposed approach both to address climate impacts on Long Beach and to reduce Long Beach's impact on the climate by reducing future GHG emissions. The proposed CAAP provides a framework to reduce the City's GHG footprint (climate action) and ensure the community that physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change (climate adaptation). The vision of the proposed CAAP is to create a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable city by addressing climate change in a way



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that remedies existing environmental health disparities while also improving health and quality of life and enhancing economic vitality throughout Long Beach. The proposed CAAP includes a roadmap for implementing new policies, programs, incentives, requirements, projects, and initiatives in the immediate future, as well as longer-term actions that will need to be studied further while monitoring how the climate continues to change and evaluating the effectiveness of actions taken. The GHG reduction goals of the CAAP were informed by the development assumptions of the adopted LUE and the General Plan buildout conditions, and the proposed CAAP would not alter the land uses designations or development assumptions in the 2019 Certified Program EIR.

In order to comply with various State laws, including Senate Bill 1078 and Senate Bill 350, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to renewable energy. In order to comply with Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, Senate Bill 1035, Senate Bill 1000, Senate Bill 379, Assembly 691, and Assembly 162, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to climate change adaptation. In order to comply with Assembly Bill 32, Executive Order B-30-15, Senate Bill 32, and Executive Order B-55-18, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to emissions reduction targets. In order to comply with Senate Bill 375 and Senate Bill 743, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to transportation and land use.

Required discretionary actions associated with the project include approval of the proposed CAAP, approval of text amendments to the Safety Element, and certification of the SEIR.

**Draft SEIR:** The Draft SEIR examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis Checklist categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Impacts that were determined to be less than significant prior to the preparation of the Draft SEIR are discussed in the Effects Found Not to Be Significant section of the Draft SEIR Introduction chapter (Chapter 2.0). That analysis determined that the proposed project would result in either no impact or a less than significant impact to Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, and Wildfire. The planning area does not contain any hazardous materials sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. All environmental issues analyzed in the Draft SEIR were determined to result in less than significant impacts. Therefore, as determined by the Draft SEIR, implementation of the proposed project would not result in any significant and unavoidable adverse impacts. Further, no mitigation measures are required to reduce project-related impacts.

The purpose of this notice is to inform local residents, institutions, agencies, and other interested parties about the availability of the Draft SEIR during the public comment period (**March 18, 2022, through May 2, 2022**). Written comments (accepted via email and/or letter) on the Draft SEIR must be submitted no later than close of business **May 2, 2022**, 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 Development Services, Planning Bureau  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, Third Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Attention: Alison Spindler-Ruiz, AICP, Advance Planning Officer  
LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov

A hearing of the Planning Commission will be scheduled to take place subsequent to the end of the public comment period, and upon recommendation of the Planning Commission to the City Council, a hearing of the City Council will take place on this matter. These hearings have not been scheduled as of this notice date (March 15, 2022).



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### **Draft SEIR Reviewing Locations**

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

**In-Person:** It should be noted that the following locations may not be open to the public due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health concerns.

City of Long Beach City Hall  
411 West Ocean Boulevard, Second Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, Closed

Billie Jean King Main Library  
200 West Broadway  
Long Beach, CA 90802

Bay Shore Neighborhood Library  
195 Bay Shore Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90803

Mark Twain Neighborhood Library  
1401 E. Anaheim Street  
Long Beach, CA 90813

Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library  
5870 Atlantic Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90805