

CHAPTER 1

Introduction

This document indicates the revisions to the Draft EIR providing new text in double underline and deleted text in strikethrough. The City of El Segundo believes that these procedures will identify those areas where the 2017 Draft EIR has been revised while creating a readable, stand-alone document accessible to the public.

A. Purpose of the Recirculated Partial Draft EIR

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15088.5(a), the City of El Segundo is required to recirculate a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) when significant new information is added to the Draft EIR after public review of the Draft EIR, but before certification. Significant new information can include changes in the project or environmental setting, as well as additional data or other information. New information added to a Draft EIR is not significant unless the Draft EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse effect of the project or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including feasible alternatives) that the project's proponents have declined to implement.

The City issued a Notice of Availability (NOA) on September 21, 2017 as required under Section 15086 of the State *CEQA Guidelines* requesting comments on the Draft EIR for the Continental Grand Campus Specific Plan. The NOA, and in some instances a hard copy or CD of the Draft EIR, were distributed to public agencies and other interested parties. In compliance with State *CEQA Guidelines*, Section 15087, the NOA was posted in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk on September 21, 2017 to be published from September 21, 2017 to November 6, 2017. The City extended the comment period in response to a request for additional time to review the Draft EIR. A Notice of Extended Public Comment Period was mailed out to all of the agencies and interested parties on the distribution list for a one-month extension until December 6, 2017. The Notice was sent to the State Clearinghouse and was posted in the office of the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The City determined that as a result of comments received, additional analyses were necessary to address comments related to the Traffic Study and the health risk assessment. The purpose of this document is to recirculate for public review the revisions to portions of the Draft EIR to address the comments that would result in additional new information that warrants review by the public and/or that results in potentially significant impacts that were not previously disclosed.

There have been no changes to the Project. However, Chapter 2, Project Description, from the 2017 Draft EIR is included to provide context and to provide a readable, stand-alone document for the public. Given the passage of time, the related projects associated with the cumulative analyses have been reviewed to determine if there are other reasonably foreseeable projects that have emerged since the publication of the Draft EIR. Chapter 3, Basis for Cumulative Analyses, reflects the addition of five projects in the Project vicinity. In addition, Section 4.B, Air Quality has been revised to include a quantitative refined construction health risk assessment (HRA). Finally, Section 4.J, Transportation and Traffic, has been revised to provide an analysis of four additional intersections as well as to update the cumulative analysis.

These changes to the Draft EIR for the Project are being recirculated for public review and comment in accordance with CEQA Section 15088.5(a). Pursuant to CEQA, if revisions to the Draft EIR are limited to a few chapters or portions of the EIR, the lead agency need only recirculate the chapters or portions that have been modified (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c)). Recirculation of an EIR requires notice pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15087 and consultation pursuant to *CEQA Guidelines* section 15086.

B. Summary of Revisions

The following summarizes the revisions to the prior Draft EIR for the Project:

Introduction. This chapter contains a discussion of the purpose of the Recirculated Partial Draft EIR (RPDEIR), CEQA requirements for recirculation of portions of a Draft EIR, a description of the organization of the EIR, and a discussion of the CEQA public review process.

2.0 Project Description. While no revisions have been made to this chapter, the project description is included to provide context and a readable, stand-alone document.

3.0 Basis for Cumulative Analyses. This chapter provides an updated list and figure of the locations of past, present, and probable future projects considered in the analysis of potential Project contributions to cumulative impacts.

4.B Air Quality. This section is revised to provide an update of potential health effects of pollutants based on recent research, provide more recent ambient air quality data, and summarize a Refined Construction Health Risk Assessment that has been prepared for the Project.

4.J Transportation and Traffic. This section is revised to expand the traffic study area to include four additional intersections located within the City of Hawthorne to the east of the Project Site.

The analysis in this RPDEIR are supported by the following appendices:

- Appendix A – Refined Construction Health Risk Assessment
- Appendix B – Air Quality Worksheets from the 2017 Draft EIR
- Appendix C – Revised Traffic Impact Study

C. New Comments

Agencies, organizations and individuals are invited to comment on the information presented in this RPDEIR during the public review period. The scope of the comments submitted during the public comment period on the RPDEIR should be limited to the above sections or portions of sections included in this document that were revised from the 2017 Draft EIR, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2). For the comments received during this recirculation period, the City need only respond to those that relate to the sections or portions of sections of the RPDEIR that were revised from the 2017 Draft EIR. The Final EIR will include responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR and to those comments received during the recirculation period for the RPDEIR that are properly limited to scope as explained above. All comments are a part of the administrative record. The Final EIR will be considered by the City for certification prior to any permitting actions for the project.

D. Public Review of the Recirculated Partial Draft EIR

The RPDEIR is subject to a 45-day review period in which the document is made available to responsible and trustee agencies and interested parties. In compliance with the provision of Sections 15085(a) and 15087(a)(1) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City, serving as the Lead Agency: (1) published a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a RPDEIR which indicated that the RPDEIR was available for review at the City's Planning Department at 350 Main Street, El Segundo, California 90245; (2) provided copies of the NOA and RPDEIR to the City of El Segundo Public Library, 111 West Mariposa Avenue, El Segundo, California 90245; (3) posted the NOA and the RPDEIR on the City's website at www.elsegundo.org; (4) prepared and transmitted a Notice of Completion (NOC) to the State Clearinghouse; and (5) sent a NOA to all property owners within 300 feet of the Project Site. Proof of publication is available at the City. The public review period for the RPDEIR commenced on May 23, 2019 and will end on July 8, 2019 for a total of 47 days.

Any public agency or members of the public desiring to comment on the Draft EIR must submit their comments in writing or send them via email to the following address prior to the end of the public review period:

Mail: Eduardo Schonborn, Senior Planner
 City of El Segundo
 Planning and Building Safety Department
 350 Main Street
 El Segundo, California 90245

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Upon completion of the public review period, written responses to all comments on environmental issues discussed in the RPDEIR will be prepared. These comments and responses, together with comments received on the Draft EIR and associated responses, will be included in the Final EIR. After the Final EIR is completed and at least 10 days prior to its certification, responses to comments made by public agencies on the Draft EIR and the RPDEIR will be provided to the commenting agencies.