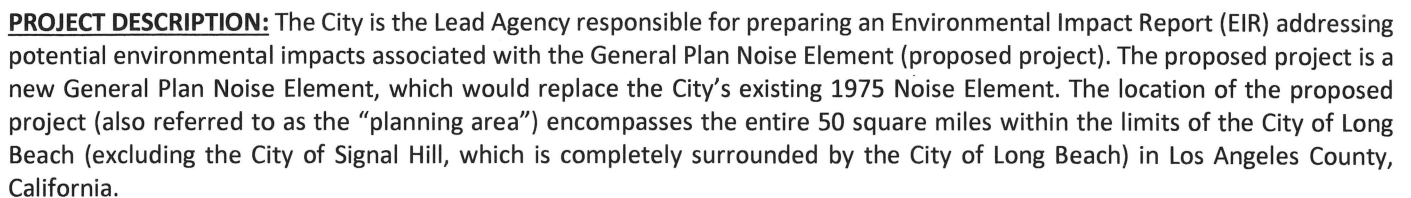




In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study (IS) has been prepared for the proposed General Plan Noise Element (proposed project) in Long Beach, California. Pursuant to Section 15063(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Long Beach (City), as the Lead Agency, is required to undertake the preparation of an IS to determine whether the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment. The purposes of an IS are to: (1) identify potential environmental impacts; (2) provide the Lead Agency with information to use as the basis for deciding whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Negative Declaration (ND), or other CEQA document; (3) enable the Lead Agency to modify the project (through mitigation of adverse impacts); (4) facilitate assessment of potential environmental impacts early in the design of the project; and (5) provide documentation for the potential finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment or can be mitigated to a less than significant level (CEQA Guidelines, Section 15063[c]). The City has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the proposed project.



The City's Noise Element was last updated in 1975, and at that time, it was implemented through a 1977 Noise Ordinance. Since then, the City's physical development, population, regional context, and the regulatory guidance involving noise have changed significantly. In order to allow for increased flexibility in responding to such changes, the City proposes to update and replace the existing 1975 Noise Element with a new Noise Element.

The proposed Noise Element includes a Noise Plan, which addresses strategies and policies related to six topic areas describing sources of existing noise and vibration: (1) PlaceType Characteristics and Land Use Compatibility; (2) Mobility, including vehicular noise, rail, aircraft, and watercraft; (3) Construction; (4) Special Events; (5) Environmental Justice and Social Equity; and (6) Noise Management.

Required discretionary actions associated with the project include a General Plan Update/Amendment for adoption of the proposed Noise Element, a Noise Ordinance Amendment, other Municipal Code Amendment(s) related to noise, and certification of the EIR.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** The proposed project is a planning and policy action that does not include any physical development. The Draft EIR will examine potential environmental impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis categories: Land Use and Planning, Noise, Transportation, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. A more complete description of the proposed project and potential environmental impacts are included in the Initial Study, which is available at the reviewing locations listed below.

**PROJECT SCOPING PROCESS:** Circulation of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) starts a 32-day public review and comment period on the scope of the Draft EIR that begins on May 17, 2019, and ends on June 17, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. All interested parties, including the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies, are invited to provide comments and input on the scope of and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the Draft EIR. Responsible and trustee agencies should provide comments and input related to the agencies' respective areas of statutory responsibility. Comments received during the scoping period will be considered during preparation of the Draft EIR. Public agencies and interested parties will have an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed project during the 45-day public review period to be held after the publication and circulation of the Draft EIR.

**SCOPING MEETING:** The City will conduct a Public Scoping Meeting in order to present the proposed Noise Element and the EIR process and to receive public comments. The City invites interested parties to the following public scoping meeting for the proposed project in order to learn more about the project, ask questions, and submit comments:

**DATE:** May 30, 2019 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Bixby Park Social Hall, 130 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach

#### **INITIAL STUDY REVIEWING LOCATIONS**

The Initial Study is available for public review from **May 17, 2019** and ending **June 17, 2019** at the following locations:

**Online:** [http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental\\_planning/environmental\\_reports.asp](http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp)

**City of Long Beach**

Development Services/Planning Bureau  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, 5th Floor  
Long Beach, California 90802

**Brewitt Neighborhood Library**

4036 E. Anaheim Street  
Long Beach, CA 90804

**Mark Twain Neighborhood Library**

1401 E. Anaheim Street  
Long Beach, CA 90813

**Long Beach Public Library**

101 Pacific Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90822

**Burnett Neighborhood Library**

560 E. Hill Street  
Long Beach, CA 90806

**North Neighborhood Library**

5571 Orange Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90805

**Alamitos Neighborhood Library**

1836 E. Third Street  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Dana Neighborhood Library**

3680 Atlantic Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90807

**Ruth Bach Neighborhood Library**

4055 Bellflower Boulevard  
Long Beach, CA 90808

**Bay Shore Neighborhood Library**

195 Bay Shore Avenue  
Long Beach, CA 90803

**El Dorado Neighborhood Library**

2900 Studebaker Road  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Address Comments to:**

City of Long Beach  
Attention: Jennifer Ly, Planner  
333 West Ocean Boulevard, Fifth Floor  
Long Beach, CA 90802

**Bret Harte Neighborhood Library**

1595 W. Willow Street  
Long Beach, CA 90810

**Los Altos Neighborhood Library**

5614 E. Britton Drive  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Phone:** (562) 570-6368

**Email:** [LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov](mailto:LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov)