

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the
Colma 2040 General Plan Update
SCH No. 2020-069005

SUMMARY:

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Colma, as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the above-named draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) is available for public review and comment.

Comments on the DPEIR will be received for a 50-day period, commencing on December 6, 2021 and ending at 5:00pm on January 25, 2021, after which a Final PEIR will be prepared containing comments and responses to comments that, together with the DPEIR, will form the Final PEIR. The Final PEIR will be used by the Town of Colma City Council in its consideration of approval of the proposed 2040 General Plan Update, described below.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

The proposed 2040 General Plan Update applies to the entire Town of Colma. The Town is bounded by San Bruno Mountain, Lawndale Blvd, Interstate-280, and F Street.

Under State of California law (Government Code §65300 et seq.), every city and county in the State is required to adopt a general plan that functions as the comprehensive and all-encompassing policy document for future growth and development. The purpose of a jurisdiction's general plan is to function as a "constitution" for land use planning and to provide a basis for sound decisions regarding long-term physical development, for development in the incorporated area, as well in any land outside city boundaries. It also provides the connection between community values, objectives, and decisions on the Town of Colma's future housing, growth, and development.

California Government Code §65302 requires that a general plan include the following seven elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. Additional elements may be included as well, at the discretion of a jurisdiction. All elements have equal weight, and no one element supersedes another. Cities and towns may amend the general plan four times a year (each amendment may include any number of changes), and cities are encouraged to keep the plan current through regular updates. The current Town of Colma General Plan has not been comprehensively updated since it was first adopted on June 16, 1999, by Resolution 99-22. The 2040 Town of Colma General Plan Update updates the Town's 1999 General Plan Elements: Land Use; Mobility (Circulation); Community Health, Safety and Services (Noise and Safety); and Open Space and Conservation. The Housing Element is not

currently being updated. Colma is not required to include an environmental justice element because it does not contain any Communities of Concern, as defined by the State of California.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

The DEIR's analysis of project impacts identified potentially significant impacts on the following:

- Air Quality (Potential impacts range from less than significant to significant)
- Cultural and Tribal Resources (Potential impacts are potentially significant)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Potential impacts range from less than significant to significant)

PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS:

One purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act is to inform the public of the potential environmental impacts of a project such as the 2040 General Plan Update. The purpose of this notice is to consult with and request comment on the DEIR from interested parties and responsible agencies.

The DEIR is available for review between 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday at Colma Town Hall, 1198 El Camino Real, California 94014

The DEIR is also available for review or download at the Town of Colma website, www.colma.ca.gov.

Comments on the DEIR may be submitted to:

Town of Colma
Planning Department
ATTN: 2040 General Plan Update DEIR
1198 El Camino Real
Colma, CA 94014

Please include a return address and contact name with your written comments. Comments can also be sent via email with subject line "2040 General Plan Update DEIR" to planning@colma.ca.gov.