



PUBLIC NOTICE

AVAILABILITY OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Date: September 9, 2020
Case No.: **2019-020115ENV**
Project Title: **Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project**
Zoning: P (Public) and RH-1D (Residential House, One Family Detached)
Zoning Districts, OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Western Shoreline Area Plan
Neighborhood: Outer Sunset
Cross Streets: Ocean Beach and the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline Boulevards, and Ocean Beach north of Lincoln
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department
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Purpose of Notice

The San Francisco Planning Department has prepared a notice of preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for the Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project. An EIR must be prepared for the proposed project prior to any final decision regarding whether to approve the project. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project, identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and describe and analyze possible alternatives to the proposed project. A notice of preparation or EIR does not indicate a decision by the city to approve or to disapprove the project. The city must review and consider the information contained in the EIR prior to making a decision.

You may participate in the public process concerning the project's environmental effects by:

- Contacting Julie Moore via email, phone, or by mail; OR
- Attending a virtual public scoping meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom conference or telephone. You can register for the meeting via the online platform link at <http://bit.ly/oceanbeachscoping> or join by phone, using the following phone number: 877-853-5247 (Meeting I.D. 828 5908 1146). To request a language interpreter, please contact Candace SooHoo at 628-652-7550 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting to help ensure availability.

The notice of preparation, scoping meeting presentation, and virtual scoping meeting instructions are available here: sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs. You may also request a CD or paper copy of the NOP by contacting Julie Moore.

Project Description

The City and County of San Francisco (the city) proposes a coastal adaptation and sea level rise resiliency project to improve the portion of Ocean Beach from Sloat Boulevard to Fort Funston known as "South Ocean Beach." The proposed Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project ("project") would address shoreline erosion, severe coastal storm and wave hazards, and sea level rise which threaten city infrastructure, coastal access and recreational facilities, and public safety. The project is a collaborative, multi-agency initiative involving the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), San Francisco Recreation and Parks, San Francisco Public Works, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), the Federal Highway Administration, and the National Park Service. Major project components include: (1) permanently closing the Great Highway between Sloat and Skyline boulevards, and reconfiguring affected intersections and San Francisco Zoo parking access; (2) removing pavement, rock and sandbag revetments, and rubble and debris from the beach, and recontouring the bluff and planting dune vegetation; (3) improving public access, maintaining coastal parking and continuing to provide restroom facilities; (4) installing a buried wall to protect existing sewer infrastructure from shoreline erosion; and (5) long-term beach nourishment (sand replenishment).

Ocean Beach comprises a 4½-mile stretch of sandy beach that forms the western boundary of San Francisco. The beach and bluff at South Ocean Beach are subject to severe erosion from coastal storms and waves. Since the 1990s, the city has responded to the erosion challenges by implementing a series of both hard shoreline armoring (e.g., rock and rubble revetments) and soft shoreline protection measures (e.g., beach nourishment and sandbag revetments). In the intervening period, the city has also undertaken planning initiatives aimed at developing a long-term strategy for managing the South Ocean Beach shoreline. Notably, the city partially funded and participated in the preparation of the 2012 Ocean Beach Master Plan. Led by the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), the master planning process brought together community members, agency representatives, and other stakeholders to develop a sustainable long-term vision for Ocean Beach, addressing public access, environmental protection, and infrastructure needs in the context of erosion and climate-related sea level rise. The terms of a 2014 legal settlement agreement and a 2015 California Coastal Commission permit establish timelines for developing and implementing a long-term solution to shoreline management at South Ocean Beach. The project aims to preserve and enhance public access, coastal recreation, and scenic resources at South Ocean Beach, while protecting critical wastewater system infrastructure from damage due to coastal hazards.

Public Comment

The planning department welcomes your comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project. You can submit your comments verbally at the public scoping meeting, and/or via email or mail to the staff contact below.

The planning department will hold a **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** on **September 30, 2020 at 6 pm**. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, in order to protect the health of city staff and members of the public, the meeting will occur virtually through video and teleconference. The meeting will consist of a staff presentation describing the background of the project and proposed features, followed by an opportunity for the public to provide oral comments regarding the scope of environmental review. The staff presentation, meeting procedures and instructions are available at sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs. See meeting details above. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. **on October 9, 2020**. Written comments should be sent to Julie Moore, San Francisco Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or emailed to CPC.OceanBeachEIR@sfgov.org. If you have questions or comments concerning this notice, **please contact Julie Moore at Julie.Moore@sfgov.org or (628) 652-7566 by October 9, 2020**.

If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or a Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the department. All written or oral communications available, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available for inspection and copying upon request from the public. These communications may also be posted on the department's website or in other public documents.

Recipients of this notice are encouraged to pass on this information to others who may have an interest in the project.