



# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

### GENERAL PLAN TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT UPDATE AND ENERGY AND CONSERVATION ACTION STRATEGY UPDATE PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The City of Vacaville has completed the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for the proposed General Plan Transportation Element Update and Energy and Conservation Action Strategy (ECAS) Update. This notice is to advise that the DSEIR is available for a 45-day public review and comment period pursuant to section 15105, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### Public Review/Comment Period: March 16 through April 29, 2021

**Project Description and Location:** *Citywide:* The proposed project contains two components: (1) amending the Transportation Element of the General Plan; and (2) updating the ECAS. The City of Vacaville adopted its General Plan and certified the General Plan EIR on August 11, 2015. The General Plan establishes guiding principles and community development goals that reflect the values, ideals, and aspirations of the City through 2035. The General Plan addresses all aspects of development including land use, transportation, housing, economic development, public facilities and infrastructure, and open spaces, among other topics. The General Plan sets forth goals, policies, and actions to attain the desired type, location, and level of development, including goals policies and actions specific to transportation and circulation. The proposed project would amend the City's General Plan Transportation Element to include policy direction on evaluating an increase in new vehicle trips using the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in addition to updating the City's Energy and Conservation Action Strategy (ECAS) to address the State's current climate action goals that go beyond 2020 in order to continue to provide CEQA streamlining for projects consistent with the General Plan and the ECAS.

To address the need to better evaluate the transportation impacts created by new development, Senate Bill (SB) 743 was signed into law in 2013. SB 743 is intended to promote the State's goals of encouraging infill development, alternative transportation, and reduced GHG emissions. To promote these goals new methods of evaluating transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), specifically VMT was adopted. Evaluating transportation impacts using VMT is an alternative to the existing measures of congestion and delay (typically expressed as level of service [LOS]). As a result of SB 743, the CEQA Guidelines were revised to identify VMT as the most appropriate metric to evaluate a project's transportation impacts.

**Environmental Impacts:** The City certified the General Plan EIR (SCH # 2011022043) and adopted the General Plan on August 11, 2015. A Draft SEIR was prepared in compliance with CEQA (California Public Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.), and the City's procedures for implementing CEQA. As a Supplement to the General Plan EIR, this Draft SEIR specifically evaluates whether these changes could result in a new significant impact that was not evaluated in the General Plan EIR and/or substantially increase the severity of significant impacts that were identified in the EIR. Because only minor changes would be necessary to make the General Plan EIR adequate to address the proposed project, the City has prepared a supplement rather than a subsequent EIR; consistent with Sections 15162 & 15163 of the CEQA Guidelines.

#### Locations Where DSEIR May Be Reviewed:

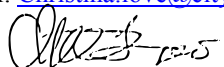
- City of Vacaville, Community Development Department, 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA, 95688. Visiting Community Development is by Appointment Only. Call the Planning Office for an appointment at (707) 449-5140. Supportive documents listed in the DEIR are also available for review at this location.
- The DSEIR will also be posted on the City of Vacaville website: [www.cityofvacaville.com](http://www.cityofvacaville.com) through the General Plan link on the Community Development page.

#### **Planning Commission: Public Comment Hearing on DSEIR: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 6 p.m.**

Location: Zoom meeting. To access the Zoom meeting, you may join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device by clicking on this URL: <https://cov.zoom.us/j/96838636695?pwd=ajY0UFpEVGNxZDBpbENOVIZjODZxdz09> Password: 597738. Phone in for higher quality: (Dial \*67 before the phone number if you wish to keep a portion of your phone number from appearing.) Toll Free: 877 853 5257 or 888 475 4499 Webinar ID: 968 3863 6695 / Password: 597738 If prompted for a participant ID, press # Request to comment, press \*9.

**Send Comments To:** All written comments on the DSEIR should be sent/delivered to Christina Love, Senior Planner, City of Vacaville, Community Development Department, 650 Merchant Street, Vacaville, CA, 95688; FAX (707)-449-5423; phone 449-5374; email: [Christina.love@cityofvacaville.com](mailto:Christina.love@cityofvacaville.com) **Comments must be received by 5pm on Thursday, April 29, 2021.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Christina Love, Senior Planner

Date: 3/16/2021