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SCH #: 2020110320

Project Title: Ashby and North Berkeley BART Stations Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Project

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Project Location: Berkeley, Alameda County

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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project involves General Plan amendments and the adoption of new AB 2923-compliant transit-oriented zoning district, the Residential BART Mixed-Use District (R-BMU), and apply the zoning district to the project sites. The purpose of the R-BMU district is “to address City of Berkeley priorities such as affordable housing, civic and public space, multi-modal transportation and site access, high-quality building design and architecture, and a mix of land uses that contribute positively to the community, and to establish zoning standards in compliance with AB 2923.” The Project does not identify or define specific development projects, but rather consists of land use and policy changes that would guide future development at the sites. Applications for individual projects allowed under the standards would be submitted to the City (as Lead Agency) by individual applicants, including the owner of the project sites, BART. The R-BMU development standards assume a floor area ratio (FAR) maximum of 4.2, a building height maximum of 80 feet and 7 stories, and a minimum residential density of 75 dwelling units per acre. At the Ashby BART station site, the buildout assumptions include development of up to 1,200 dwelling units and 100,000 square feet of non-residential space distributed between the 4.4-acre station site and the 1.9-acre surface parking lot east of the Ed Roberts campus. At the North Berkeley BART station site, the buildout assumptions include development of up to 1,200 dwelling units and 25,000 square feet of non-residential space located on the main 8.1-acre station site.

Identify the project’s significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR found that the Project would have no physical environmental impacts related to aesthetics (per Public Resources Code section 21099(d)(1) regarding infill sites within a transit priority area), agriculture and forestry resources and mineral resources. Impacts related to energy, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, population and housing, public services and recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire would be less than significant.

Impacts related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources (including historic and tribal cultural resources), geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, and greenhouse gas emissions would be significant but mitigable to less than significant.

Impacts related to temporary contruction noise would be significant and unavoidable.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Issues related to traffic, greenhouse gas emissions, land use compatibility, and historical resources.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

None