

City of South San Francisco
Notice of Availability of a Program Environmental Impact Report
for the Proposed South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments,
and Climate Action Plan
and Notice of a Planning Commission
Public Hearing on July 7, 2022
to Solicit Comments on the Environmental Document

Date: June 24, 2022

To: State Clearinghouse and Interested Public Agencies, Parties, and Organizations

From: Billy Gross, Principal Planner, City of South San Francisco

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Program Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan (State Clearinghouse [SCH] No. 2021020064) and Notice of a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of South San Francisco (lead agency) has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft Program EIR) for the proposed City of South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan, which is now available for public review.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Program EIR, including the technical appendices, can be reviewed on the General Plan website (<https://shapessf.com/>), or on the City's website at <https://weblink.ssf.net/weblink/> under the Planning, Environmental Reports folder. A hard copy of the Draft Program EIR can also be reviewed at any of these locations (Hours of operation for each of these facilities can be found at the city website—www.ssf.net):

Planning Division
315 Maple Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

City Clerk
400 Grand Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Main Library
840 West Orange Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Grand Avenue Library
306 Walnut Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT PROGRAM EIR

The City of South San Francisco is soliciting comments from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, public agencies, organizations, and members of the public regarding the Draft Program EIR. In accordance with the time limits established by CEQA, the Draft Program EIR public review period will begin on **June 24, 2022**, and end on **August 9, 2022**. Please provide your written/typed comments

(including name, affiliation, telephone number, and contact information) to the address shown below by **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2022:**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes the implementation of the South San Francisco General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan. The General Plan Update anticipates approximately 14,312 net new housing units and approximately 42,297 net new employment opportunities by 2040. The Proposed Land Use Map designates the general location, distribution, and extent of land uses within the Planning Area and identifies proposed land use designations for each parcel within the City of South San Francisco and within the City's Sphere of Influence (SOI).

The proposed project includes amendments to the Zoning Code necessary to implement the General Plan Update. The Zoning Code Amendments also incorporate a number of major policies from documents that were previously adopted.

The updated 2022 Climate Action Plan (CAP) includes a community-wide inventory of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and identifies strategies and measures to reduce GHG emissions generated by existing and future uses in the City.

The proposed project has been developed to be largely self-mitigating in that the policies, actions, and strategies in the General Plan Update, Zoning Code Amendments, and Climate Action Plan recognize the importance of natural environment and are designed to protect the environment and environmental resources. In certain instances, mitigation is included to reinforce and enhance the protections identified in the policies, actions, and strategies. However, even with implementation of all available mitigation, the proposed project would result in significant unavoidable impacts related to project-level vehicle miles traveled, project-level roadway safety, cumulative vehicle miles traveled, cumulative roadway safety, project level conflict with 2017 Bay Area Clean Air Plan and cumulative criteria air pollutants.

PUBLIC HEARING

During the 45-day review period, the City of South San Francisco will hold a public hearing to provide additional opportunity for public comment on the Draft Program EIR. The hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on **Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** as a Zoom Meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e), this meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing technology. Specific instruction on how to join the meeting and provide public comment will be outlined as part of the agenda available prior to the meeting on the City's webpage: <https://shapessf.com/>

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