

Notice of Availability

To: Public Agencies and Other Interested Parties

From: City of Burbank
Community Development Department
Planning Division
150 North Third Street
Burbank, California 91502



Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Project Title: Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update

Dated: January 26, 2022

This is a Notice of Availability to inform your agency that the City of Burbank Community Development Department has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed updates to the Burbank Housing and Safety elements (hereafter referred to as “Housing and Safety Element Update” or “Project”) for a 45-day review period beginning on **January 26, 2022**, and ending on **March 31, 2022**.

The Housing and Safety Element Update involves an update to the Housing Element of the City’s Burbank2035 General Plan for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety, Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change, Noise, and Mobility Elements, and incorporation of environmental justice policies into the Burbank2035 General Plan as required by State law. The Project establishes programs, policies and actions to further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all household income levels of the community; provides evidence of the City’s ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation through the year 2029, as established by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and identifies any rezoning program needed to reach the required housing capacity.

The Draft EIR has been prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

The EIR assesses potential impacts related to the following environmental topics: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources/Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, and Utilities/Service Systems. Existing regulations and mitigation measures are identified in the Draft EIR that would reduce most of the impacts of the proposed Project to a less-than-significant level. However, some significant environmental effects would occur despite implementation of mitigation measures with respect to Transportation and Utilities/Service Systems.

The Draft EIR is available for review online at:

<https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/>

Hard copies are available for review at the City of Burbank Community Development Department and at all local libraries.

Draft EIR Review Locations
City of Burbank Community Services Building, 1 st Floor Community Development Department 150 North Third Street, Burbank, California 91510
Burbank Central Library 110 North Glenoaks Boulevard Burbank, California 91502
Buena Vista Branch Library 300 North Buena Vista Street Burbank, California 91505
Northwest Branch Library 3323 West Victory Boulevard Burbank, California 91505
City Website https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/

Please provide any comments your agency may have on this Draft EIR in writing no later than 5:00 PM on March 31, 2022, to:

Shipra Rajesh, Associate Planner
Community Development Department-Planning Division
150 North Third Street
Burbank, California 91502

You may also email your response to SRajesh@burbankca.gov. Please provide the name of a contact person at your agency.

The Burbank Planning Board will hold a public meeting on March 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comments on this Draft EIR. The meeting will be held via video/telephone conference. Instructions on how to view the meeting and submit comments during the meeting will be posted online prior to the meeting date at the following web address:

<https://www.burbankca.gov/web/city-clerks-office/meeting-agendas-and-minutes>.

Date: January 26, 2022 Signature: *Shipra Rajesh*
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Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update - Project Description

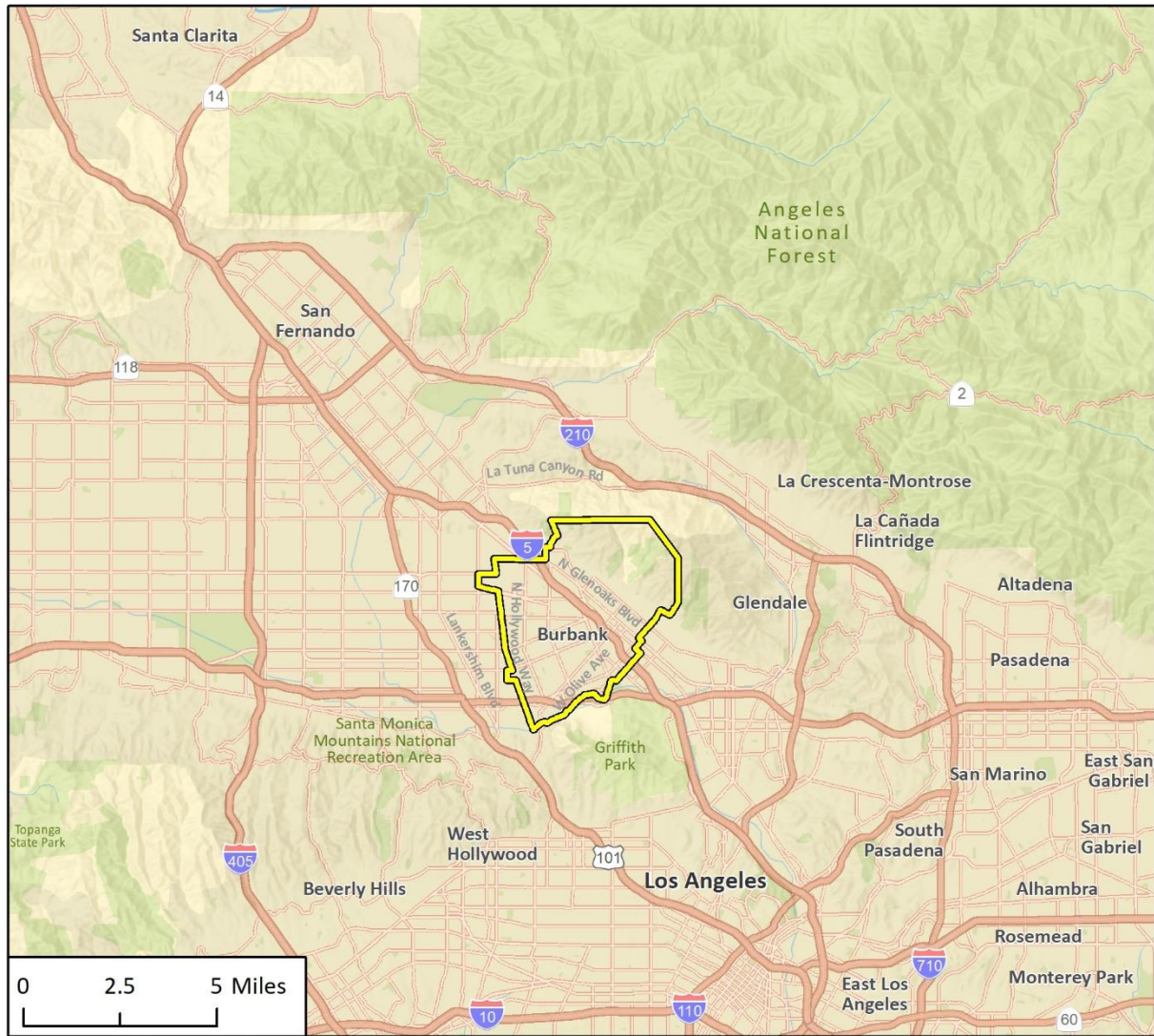
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The Project will provide a framework for introducing new housing at all levels of affordability that is within access to transit, major City employment centers, jobs, services, and open spaces. New housing units may occur anywhere in the City where residential uses are permitted, as well as in areas that may be rezoned in the future to allow for multi-family residential and mixed use residential of adequate density to meet State-required housing production and affordability targets. Through its identification of sites for future development and implementing housing programs, the updated Housing Element will lay the foundation for achievement of the City's fair share housing needs for approximately 10,456 additional units.

The purpose of the Safety Element Update is to ensure consistency with the Housing Element Update and to comply with recent State legislation and guidelines (including Assembly Bill 162, Senate Bill 1241, Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, Senate Bill 1035 and Senate Bill 379). Technical amendments will be made to the Safety Element to achieve compliance with State, regional, and local policies and guidelines. The technical amendments will incorporate data and maps, address vulnerability to climate change, incorporate policies and programs from the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, as well as partial or full integration of other City documents and programs (including but not limited to: Ready Burbank and the Emergency Survival Program). The Safety Element amendments will be submitted to the California Geological Survey, California Office of Emergency Services, California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Federal Emergency Management Agency for review.

Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) states that revisions or adoption of two or more elements of a general plan on or after January 1, 2018 trigger a requirement to "adopt or review the Environmental Justice Element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements." Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives must aim to reduce health risks to disadvantaged communities (DACs), promote civil engagement, and prioritize the needs of these communities. There are several designated DACs identified in central, northwest, and southeast Burbank. These seven census tracts have overall scores that meet or exceed the minimum criteria for DAC designation based on pollution burden and population characteristics. As mandated under SB 1000, the Safety Element update will consider strategies to reduce pollution exposure, promote public facilities, promote food access, promote safe and sanitary homes, promote physical activity, reduce unique or compounded health risks, promote civic engagement, and prioritize the needs of these disadvantaged communities.

Figure 1 Regional Location



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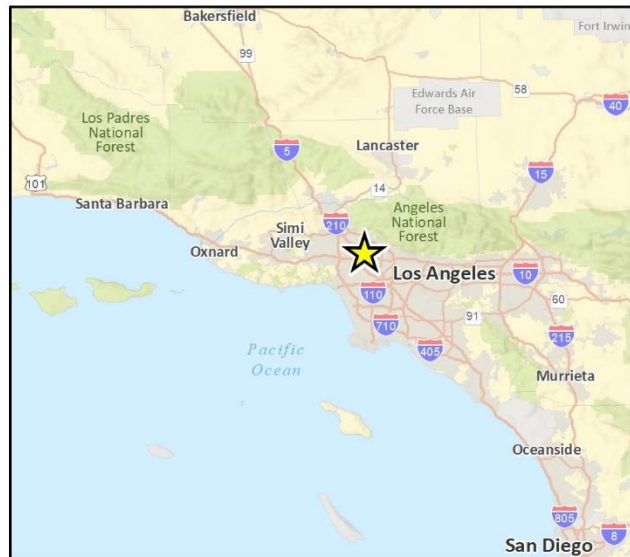
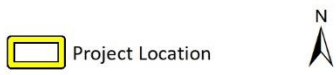
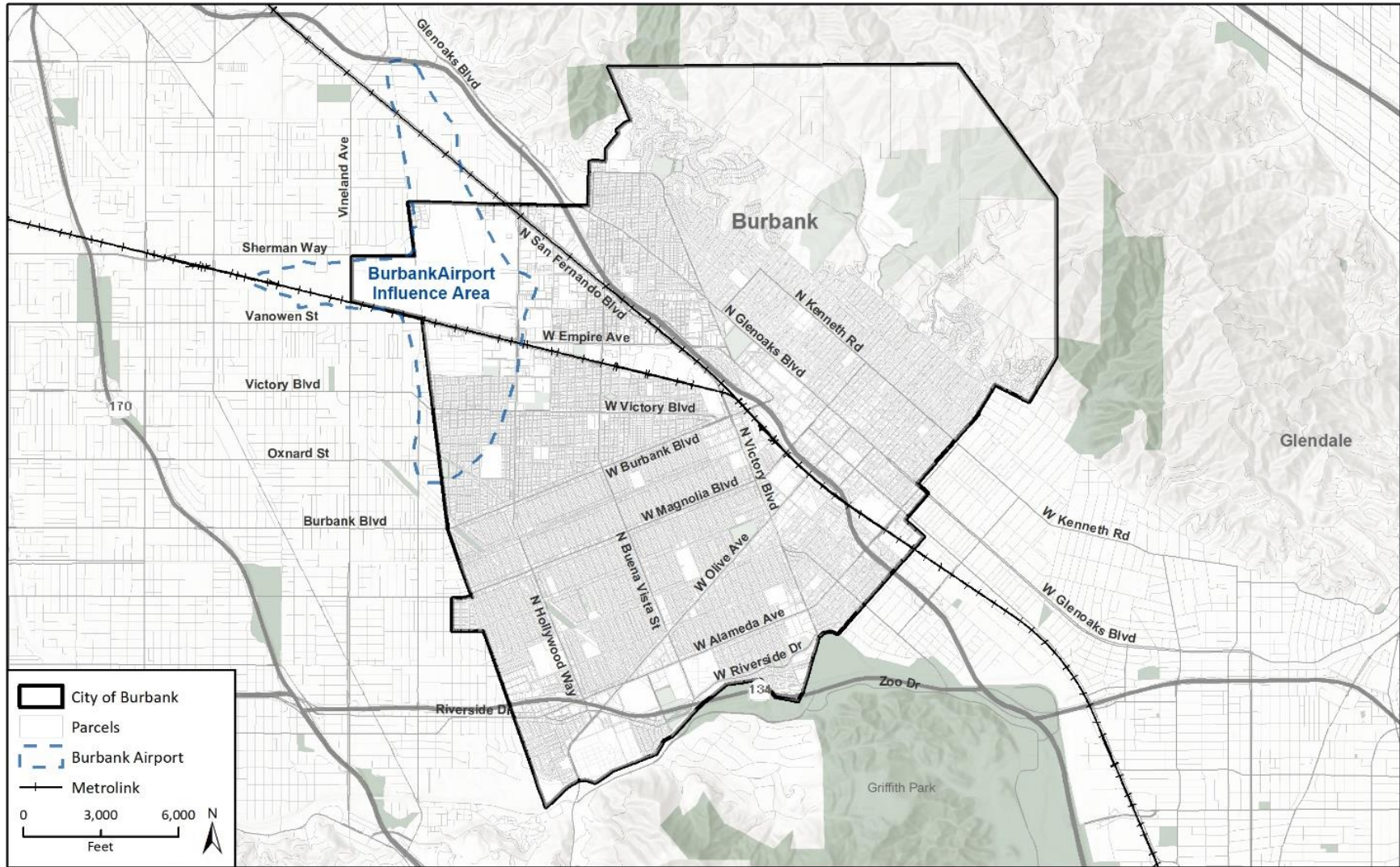


Fig. 3 Regional Location

Figure 1 Project Location



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