

# 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 Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**

**Project Title: Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update**

Updated: July 22, 2022

This is a Notice of Availability to inform your agency that the City of Burbank Community Development Department has released the Recirculated Draft 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 47-day review period beginning on **July 22, 2022**, and ending on **September 6, 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 sections included in the Recirculated Draft EIR have been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15088.5), which allows the lead agency to recirculate only the chapters or portions of the EIR that have been revised based on issues raised in comments on the Draft EIR. The following sections of the Draft EIR are available for comment as part of recirculation: Section 4.2, *Project Description*, Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, and Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*. The Project Description provides the Project details and includes a revision to the Housing Element Update based on public comments received regarding workforce training and prevailing wages. The Biological Resources section has been revised based on comments provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on the Draft EIR, which indicate that development under the proposed Project may result in adverse impacts to the least Bell’s vireo, bat species, and monarch butterflies through vegetation and tree removal. As such, Mitigation Measure BIO-1 has been revised to address these potential impacts. In addition, the Utilities/Service Systems section still deems the impacts associated with the City’s wastewater conveyance system as significant and unavoidable; however, the revised analysis provides additional mitigation measures noted

therein as *Mitigation Measures UTIL-3a through UTIL-3d* that would reduce the short-term impacts and require the preparation of plans and implementation of infrastructure capacity and conveyance expansion and upgrades as needed by the infrastructure plans for long-term solutions.

The Recirculated 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.

| <b>Recirculated Draft EIR Review Locations</b>   |
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| <p><b>City of Burbank</b><br/>           Community Services Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor<br/>           Community Development Department<br/>           150 North Third Street,<br/>           Burbank, California 91510</p> |
| <p><b>Burbank Central Library</b><br/>           110 North Glenoaks Boulevard<br/>           Burbank, California 91502</p>   |
| <p><b>Buena Vista Branch Library</b><br/>           300 North Buena Vista Street<br/>           Burbank, California 91505</p>  |
| <p><b>Northwest Branch Library</b><br/>           3323 West Victory Boulevard<br/>           Burbank, California 91505</p>   |
| <p><b>City Website:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/</a></p>   |

Please provide any comments your agency may have on this Recirculated Draft EIR in writing no later than 5:00 PM on September 6, 2022, to:

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 Burbank, California 91502

You may also email your response to [SRajesh@burbankca.gov](mailto:SRajesh@burbankca.gov). Please provide the name of a contact person at your agency.

**Upcoming Planning Board Meeting and Hearing**

The Recirculated Draft EIR will be reviewed by the City of Burbank Planning Board on August 22, 2022. The public can provide comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR during the August 22, 2022, Planning Board hearing.

Additionally, on August 22, 2022, the Burbank Planning Board will conduct a public hearing to consider a staff recommendation to the Board on the proposed updates to the City of Burbank’s General Plan Housing and Safety Elements as well as the incorporation of environmental justice policies into the General Plan as

required by State law. A final Board recommendation would be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration at a future noticed public hearing. A separate notice of the Planning Board public hearing will be provided no later than 15 business days prior to the date of the August 22, 2022, public hearing.

The meeting, which includes the public hearing on the proposed updates to the City's General Plan Housing and Safety Elements will be held at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers in City Hall at 275 E. Olive Avenue in Burbank. The Burbank Planning Board will hold a public meeting on August 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comments on this Draft EIR. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers in City Hall at 275 E. Olive Avenue in Burbank.

Date: July 22, 2022

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## **Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update - Project Description**

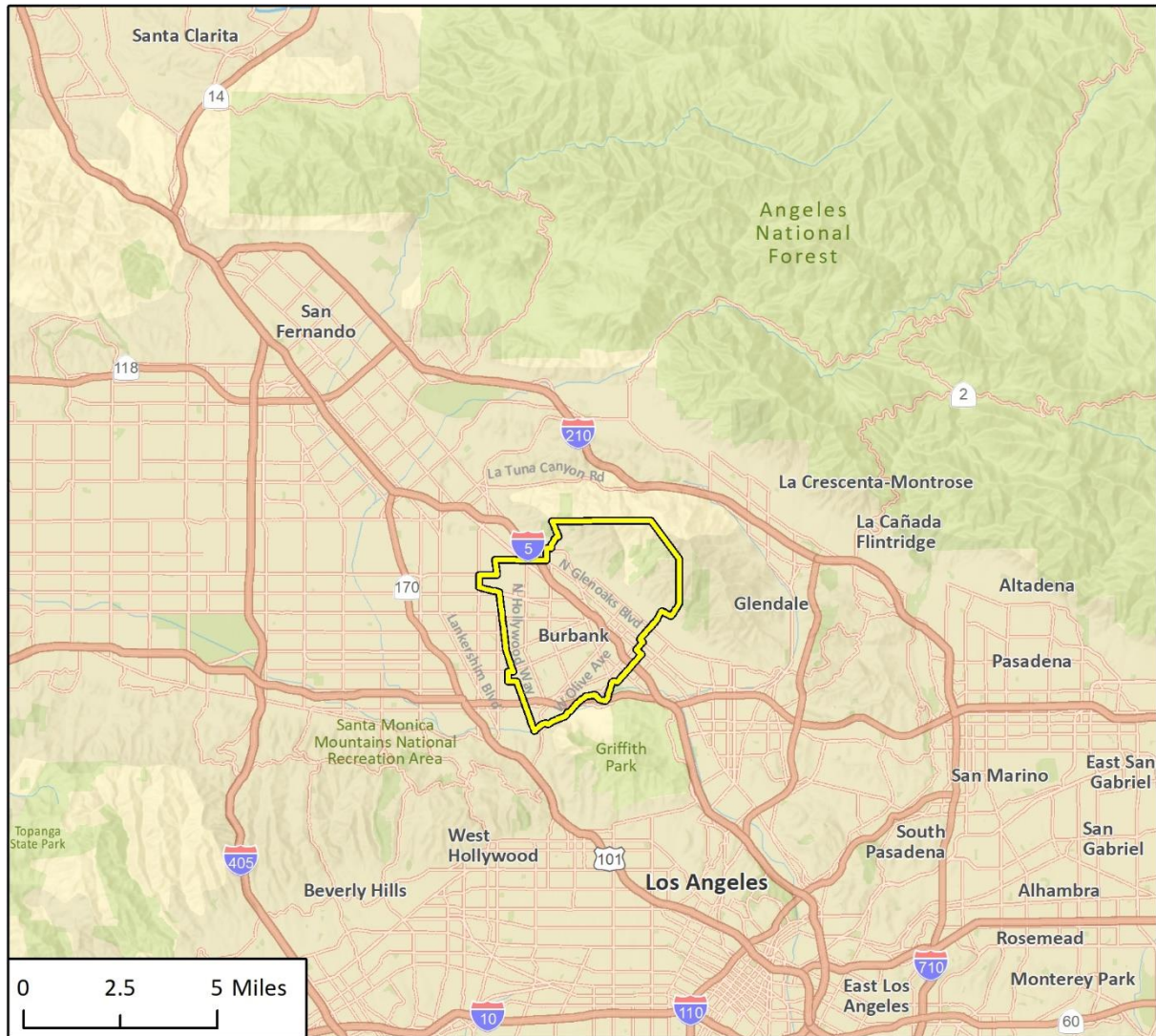
The Housing and Safety Element Update involves an update to the Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety, Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change, Noise, and Mobility Elements, and the incorporation of environmental justice policies into the Burbank2035 General Plan as required by State law. The Project would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank, which encompasses 17.1 square miles. **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** included in this notice illustrate the location of the Project in a regional and local context. The proposed Housing Element Update 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 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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 Project Location

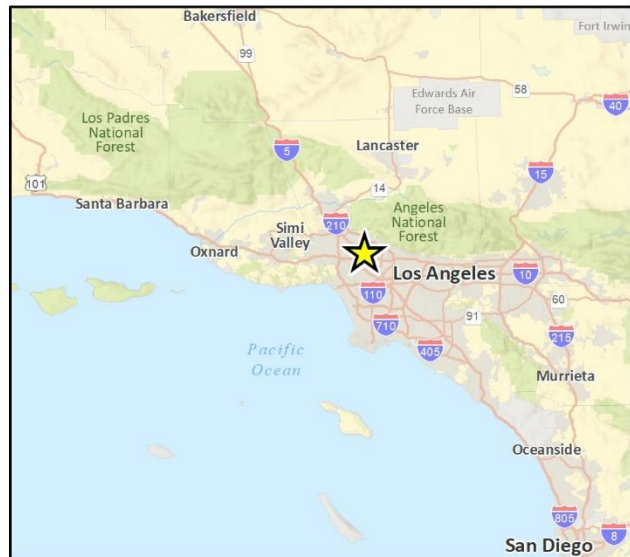
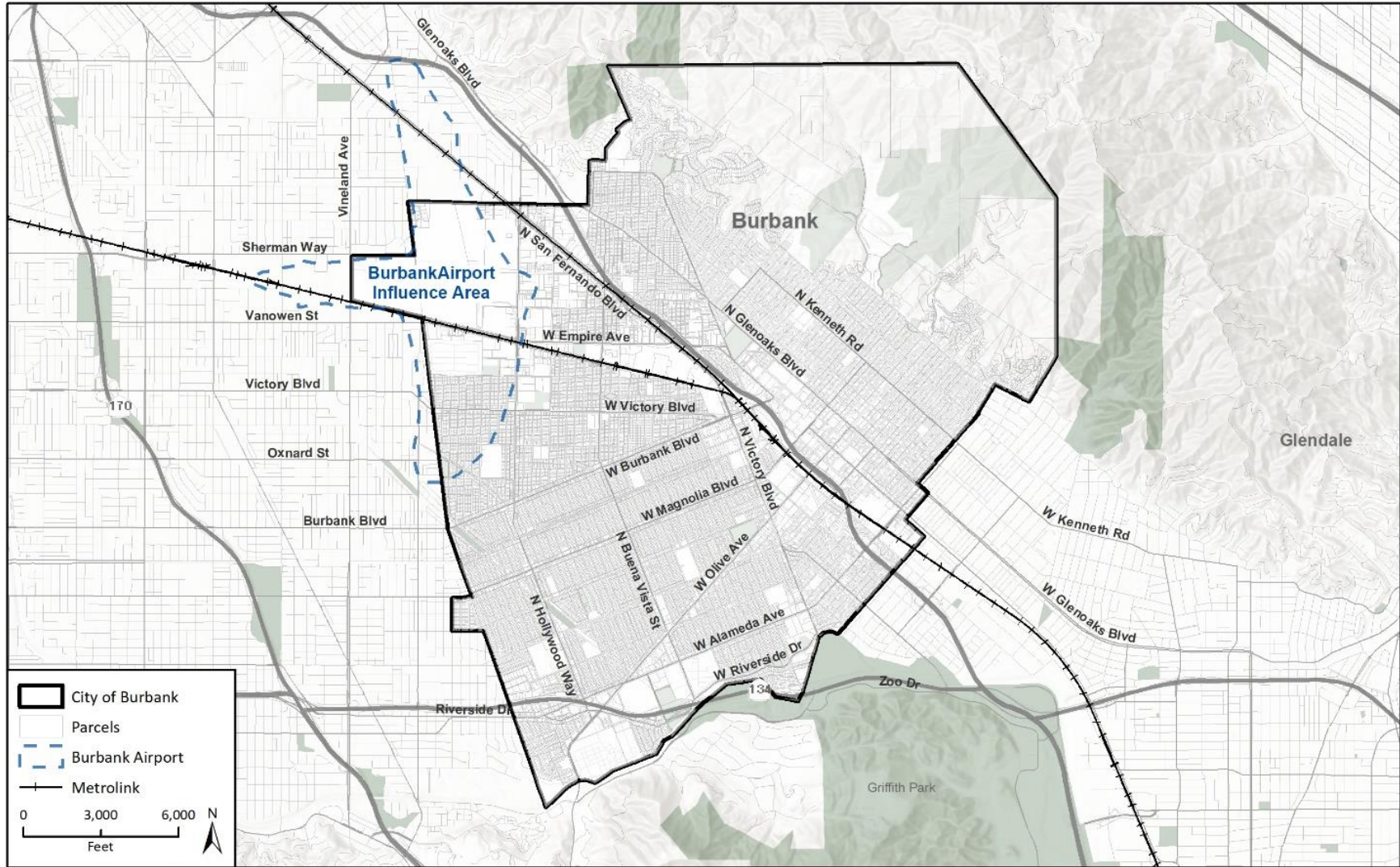


Fig. 3 Regional Location

**Figure 1 Project Location**



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