



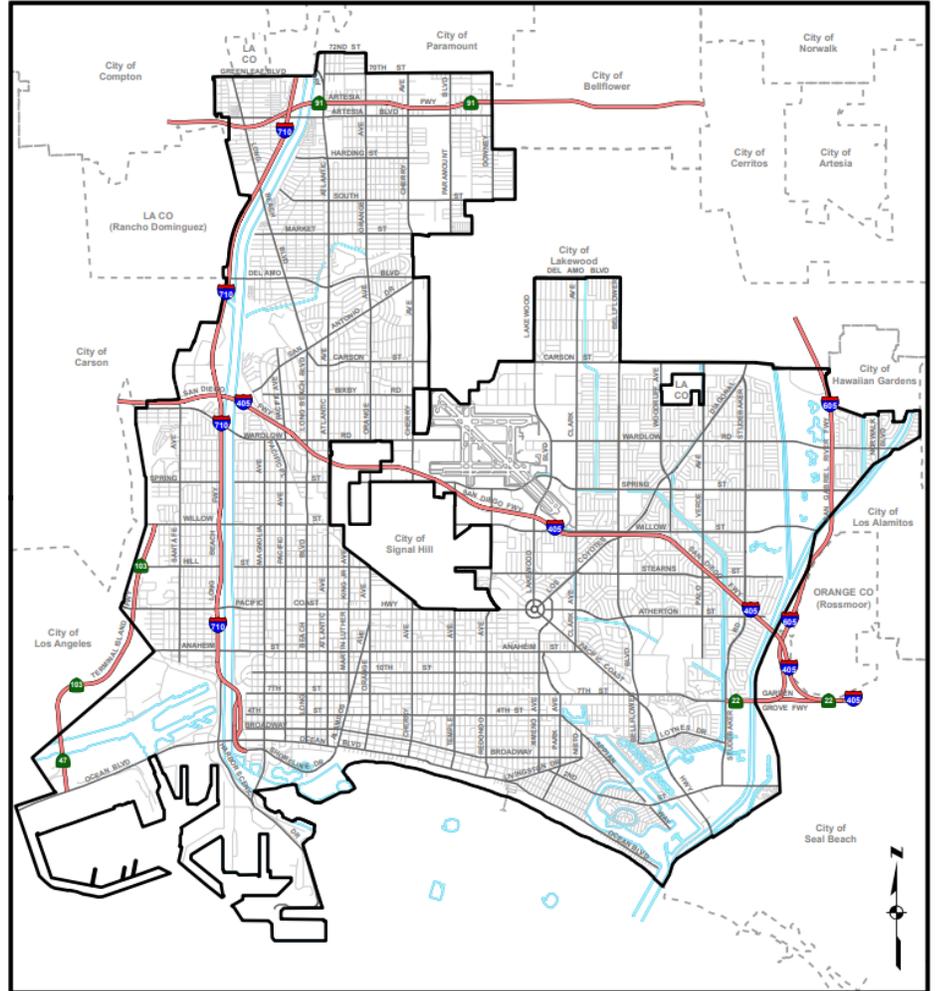
PUBLIC NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING/NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Proposed Project: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan and Safety Element Update

Lead Agency: City of Long Beach

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the *State CEQA Guidelines*, this Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared for the proposed project in Long Beach, California. The City of Long Beach (City) is the Lead Agency responsible for preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) addressing potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. Per *State CEQA Guidelines* Section 15060(d), if the Lead Agency can determine that an EIR will be clearly required for a project, the Lead Agency may skip further initial review of the project and begin work directly on the EIR process. In the absence of an Initial Study, the Lead Agency shall still focus the EIR on the significant effects of the project and indicate briefly its reasons for determining that other effects would not be significant or potentially significant. The City has determined that an EIR is clearly required for the proposed project. As such, preparation of the EIR has been initiated and an Initial Study will not be prepared for the project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The analysis in the Draft EIR will be based on the proposed Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and General Plan Safety Element Update. The location of the proposed project (also referred to as the “planning area”) encompasses the entire 50 square miles within the limits of the City of Long Beach (excluding the City of Signal Hill, which is completely surrounded by the City of Long Beach) in Los Angeles County, California.



The proposed project is the adoption of a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) and associated minor amendments to the General Plan Safety Element to recognize climate impacts and incorporate climate adaptation and resiliency strategies. The proposed CAAP is a comprehensive planning document outlining the City’s proposed approach both to address climate impacts on Long Beach and to reduce Long Beach’s impact on the climate by reducing future GHG emissions. The proposed CAAP provides a framework to reduce the City’s GHG footprint (climate action) and ensure the community and physical assets are better protected from the impacts of climate change (climate adaptation). The vision of the proposed CAAP is to create a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable city by addressing climate change in a way that remedies existing environmental health disparities while also improving health, quality of life, and enhancing economic vitality throughout Long Beach. The proposed CAAP includes a roadmap for implementing new policies, programs, incentives, requirements, projects, and initiatives in the immediate future, as well as longer-term actions that will need to be studied further while monitoring how the climate continues to change and evaluating the effectiveness of actions taken. Proposed updates to the Safety Element will incorporate climate adaptation and resiliency considerations and strategies associated with the CAAP.

In order to comply with various State laws, including Senate Bill 1078 and Senate Bill 350, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to renewable energy. In order to comply with Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, Senate Bill 1035, Senate Bill 1000, Senate Bill 379, Assembly 691, and Assembly 162, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to climate change

adaptation. In order to comply with Assembly Bill 32, Executive Order B-30-15, Senate Bill 32, and Executive Order B-55-18 the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to emissions reduction targets. In order to comply with Senate Bill 375 and Senate Bill 743, the proposed project includes strategies and measures related to transportation and land use.

Required discretionary actions associated with the project include approval of the proposed CAAP, approval of minor amendments to the Safety Element to incorporate climate adaptation and resiliency, and certification of the EIR.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The proposed project, does not result in any physical improvements but rather is a planning action intended to comply with a variety of State laws and identify a comprehensive climate action and adaptation plan that provides mitigation measures and adaptation strategies for achieving emission reduction targets and climate resiliency. The Draft EIR will examine potential environmental impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following Environmental Analysis categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Because the project does not include any physical land use changes or physical improvements, environmental impacts related to Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Mineral Resources, and Wildfire are not anticipated to be significant or potentially significant requiring a detailed analysis; the reasons for this determination will be included in a brief discussion in the EIR.

PROJECT SCOPING PROCESS: Circulation of this NOP starts a 32-day public review and comment period on the scope of the Draft EIR that begins on **August 23, 2021, and ends on September 24, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m. All interested parties, including the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies, are invited to provide comments and input on the scope of and content of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the Draft EIR. Responsible and trustee agencies should provide comments and input related to the agencies' respective areas of statutory responsibility. Comments received during the scoping period will be considered during preparation of the Draft EIR. Public agencies and interested parties will have an additional opportunity to comment on the proposed project during the 45-day public review period to be held after the publication and circulation of the Draft EIR.

SCOPING MEETING: Pursuant to Executive Order N-08-21, signed on June 11, 2021, a local legislative body or state body that holds a meeting via teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements set forth in EO N-08-21, shall have satisfied any requirement that the body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As such, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the City will conduct a virtual Public Scoping Meeting in order to present the EIR process and to receive public comments.

The City invites interested parties to the following public scoping meeting for the proposed project in order to learn more about the project, ask questions, and submit comments. The City will accept written comments only during the aforementioned public review period. Comments must be submitted via email or letter to the contact below. Comments made via other means, including social media, or delivered to other recipients, will not be accepted or considered.

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 **TIME:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **LOCATION:** Virtual (see link below)

LINK: <https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/j/91783276284>

Dial by your location
+1 213 338 8477 US (Los Angeles)
Meeting ID: 917 8327 6284

Join by Skype for Business
<https://longbeach-gov.zoom.us/skype/91783276284>

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