

City of South Lake Tahoe

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the 56 Acres Master Plan and South Lake Tahoe Recreation and Aquatics Center Project – A Multigenerational Center Project

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of South Lake Tahoe (City) has released for public review Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the 56 Acres Master Plan (Master Plan) and South Lake Tahoe Recreation and Aquatics Center referred to herein as the Multigenerational Center Project (collectively, proposed project). The 56 Acres Master Plan will create a signature public park located in the City of South Lake Tahoe. The project goals focus on recreational and civic needs, creation of meaningful world-class facilities and public open space, environmental sustainability, cultural preservation, water quality, traffic mitigation, aesthetic improvements, and habitat preservation. The Master Plan would relocate the existing campground within the plan area; improve circulation and connectivity, including shared-use path and beach access near Lakeview Commons and construction of a new “Main Street;” construct new play and gather spaces, including an outdoor event space; and construct a new Civic Center to house City Council chambers. The first project to be implemented under the Master Plan would be the Multigenerational Center project that would replace the existing South Lake Tahoe Recreation and Swim Complex.

Plan Location: The plan area is centrally located in the City of South Lake Tahoe between Lake Tahoe to the north; U.S. Highway 50 (Lake Tahoe Boulevard) to the west; Al Tahoe Ballfields, South Tahoe Middle School, Boys and Girls Club, and another residential neighborhood to the south; and Rufus Allen Boulevard and a residential neighborhood to the east. The proposed site for the Multigenerational Center is within the plan area, west of the library and the area that currently contains the northern portion of the Campground by the Lake.

Environmental Effects: The City has prepared an IS/MND pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15071. The City has studied the effects the proposed project may have on the environment. Based on the IS, the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts with implementation of mitigation measures. Therefore, an IS/MND is proposed for compliance with the requirements of CEQA.

Public Review and Comments: The City is releasing the IS/MND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 32-day public review period from December 10, 2021 to January 10, 2022.

Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments: Comments regarding the IS/MND may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail or email any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than January 10, 2022. Comments may be sent to:

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1052 Tata Lane
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Email: jhitchcock@cityofslt.us
Phone: (530) 542-7472

Printed copies of the IS/MND, and the documents referenced in the IS/MND, can be requested from John Hitchcock (contact information above) and would be available at the City of South Lake Tahoe Offices at 1052 Tata Lane in South Lake Tahoe for pick up.

Digital copies of the IS/MND are available online at: <https://www.cityofslt.us/>.

Public Meeting: A public City Council meeting to consider the proposed project and IS/MND will begin at 5:30 p.m. on January 18, 2022. The meeting is scheduled to occur at the South Lake Tahoe Airport at 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, Suite 100, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, remote public participation is allowed in the following ways: (1) City Council meetings are live-streamed on Channel 21, on the City's website at www.cityofslt.us, and via ZOOM. (2) Public comment may be submitted by TELEPHONE during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item, by calling the City Clerk at (530) 318-1461, ONLY AT THE TIME INDICATED BY THE CHAIR. Please do not leave a message, you will not receive a return call. If the line is busy, please try your call again. (3) Public comment may be submitted by EMAIL with the subject line PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM # (insert item number) to PublicComment@cityofslt.us during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment on an item, and read into the record during public comment. Emailed public comment received 72 hours prior to the meeting will be distributed to the City Council.

Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate any person needing special assistance to participate in this meeting. Contact the City Clerk at (530) 542-6005 in advance of the meeting for assistance [28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II and Brown Act Government Code Sections 54953.2, 54954.1, 54954.2, and 54957.5].