



**Notice of Preparation of a Draft Focused EIR and
Notice of Community Public Scoping Meeting for
San Marino Center Improvement Project**

Project Title: San Marino Center Improvement Project
Project Location: San Marino Center, 1800 Huntington Drive, San Marino
Scoping Meeting: To be held in-person, and through a live virtual forum, on **January 12, 2022 at 6 p.m.**
Comment Period: **January 7, 2022 to February 7, 2022**

Lead Agency: City of San Marino- Community Development Department, 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108
Lead Agency Contact: email: AHamilton@cityofsanmarino.org / phone (626) 300-0710

Notice of Preparation: In accordance with Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of San Marino (City), as the CEQA Lead Agency, is soliciting comments regarding the scope, content and specificity of a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that will be prepared for the San Marino Center Improvement Project (Project).

Project Description: The Project proposes to make significant exterior and interior improvements to the San Marino Center (SMC), which is eligible for listing to the National Register of Historic Places, is on the California Register of Historical Resources, and which is a City Landmark under San Marino City Code, Chapter XXIII, Article 18 Section 23.18.03 (A). The exterior upgrades will change the existing architectural style of the building façade from “Modern Colonial Revival” to a “Spanish Mediterranean” architectural style which is similar to that of the adjacent Crowell Library. Building interior upgrades include but are not limited to: adding offices to accommodate six City Recreation Department staff; optimizing the interior public gathering space; replacing to current standards the heating/air conditioning, plumbing, electrical systems; and replacing the period light fixtures and flooring with modern fixtures and flooring. Other updates include various exterior and interior improvements for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The current plans were found to be inconsistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties during a recent cultural resources review performed for the Project.

Focused EIR Scope: An Initial Study addressing the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project was prepared in compliance with CEQA (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.), and the CEQA Guidelines. Of the 20 categories evaluated in the Initial Study, only the categories of **Cultural Resources** and **Land Use/Planning** could result in Potentially Significant impacts that could not be easily mitigated, and therefore, needed to be further evaluated in an EIR.

Document Availability: The Initial Study and Notice of Preparation are available as follows:

On-Line: City’s website at: www.cityofsanmarino.org/sanmarinocenter

Printed: Crowell Library, 1890 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. Phone: (626) 300-0777. The document is available for viewing only during regular business hours.

Notice of Scoping Meeting: Pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21083.9 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (“CEQA Guidelines”) Section 15082, the Lead Agency will conduct a scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting oral and written comments from interested parties requesting notice, responsible agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, trustee agencies, and involved federal agencies, as to the appropriate scope and content of the EIR.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE EIR. ATTENDEES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE CONSULTANTS PREPARING THE EIR.

Date: January 12, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

In Person Attendance: San Marino Center, 1800 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108

Virtual Attendance: Via Computer for Video Streaming: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86229319876> Meeting ID: 862 2931 9876
Via Phone for Audio Only: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 862 2931 9876

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of San Marino does not discriminate. The meeting facility and its parking are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aides and/or services may be provided upon request. Other services, such as translation between English and other languages, may also be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request no later than three working days (72 hours) prior to the meeting calling Alex Hamilton at (626) 300-0710 or via email at: AHamilton@cityofsanmarino.org.

Deadline to Submit Written Comments: The City of San Marino, as Lead Agency, is soliciting comments regarding the scope, content and specificity of the Focused EIR from all interested parties requesting notice, responsible agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, trustee agencies, and involved agencies. In accordance with CEQA Section 15082, this Notice of Preparation is being circulated for a **30-day comment period**. The City of San Marino requests that written comments be provided at the earliest possible date, but no later than **5:00 p.m. on February 7, 2022**.

Written comments (including a name, telephone number, and contact information) should be sent to: to the following:

City of San Marino - Community Development Department
Attention: Alex Hamilton, Interim Community Development Director
2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino, CA 91108
Phone: (626) 300-0710
Fax: (626) 300-0716
E-mail: AHamilton@cityofsanmarino.org



Alex Hamilton, Interim Community Development Director

NOP Attachments: Exhibit 1: Existing and Proposed View – Northwest Elevation



**Exhibit 1 – Existing (Top) and Proposed (Bottom) View – Northwest Elevation
San Marino Center Improvement Project**