



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

6TH CYCLE HOUSING ELEMENT (2023-2031) AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Foster City, as Lead Agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 6th Cycle Housing Element and Safety Element Update.

PUBLIC REVIEW TIMELINE: The public review period for the DEIR begins **February 16, 2023 and ends April 2, 2023**. The City must receive all written comments regarding the adequacy of the DEIR within this time period. Written comments may be submitted in person, by mail, by e-mail, or by fax. The mailing address is 610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA 94404, the email address is planning@fostercity.org, the telephone number is (650) 286-3244, and the fax number is (650) 286-3589. Direct all comments to the attention of Thai-Chau Le, Planning Manager.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the DEIR are available for review Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at the City of Foster City Hall, Community Development Department, 610 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, CA, 94404, except on specified holidays. The DEIR is also available at the Foster City Public Library, at 1000 East Hillsdale Boulevard, and online, at <https://engagefostercity.org/housing-element>.

PROJECT LOCATION: Foster City is in San Mateo County, midway between the cities of San Francisco and San Jose. It is bordered by San Francisco Bay to the north and east, the cities of Belmont and Redwood City to the south, and the city of San Mateo to the west. There are individual sites within the full project location (citywide) included on the list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is being proposed by the City of Foster City to comply with California Government Code Section 65580-65589.8, which requires local jurisdictions to update the Housing Element of their General Plans every eight years to adequately plan for the regional housing needs of residents of all income groups, as well as Government Code section 65103 requiring jurisdictions to periodically revise their General Plans. Per Senate Bill 1035, the City is required to update the Safety Element of their General Plan concurrently with the Housing Element Update. The Housing and Safety Elements Update project includes the following components:

1. **Housing Element Update.** Adoption and implementation of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update (2023-2031), including but not limited to the adoption and implementation of General Plan and Zoning Amendments, to accommodate the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 1,896 new housing units within the city. This component is referred to as the Housing Element throughout this EIR.
2. **Safety Element Update.** Adoption and implementation of related updates to the City's Safety Element. The Safety Element is currently combined with the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), adopted in 2016. The City adopted an updated LHMP in 2021 in coordination with the San Mateo County Multijurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Safety Element portion of the combined Safety Element/LHMP document will become a standalone document as part of this update. The Safety Element identifies public safety risks and creates a unique set of goals, policies,

and implementation actions that address these risks. This component is referred to as the Safety Element throughout this EIR.

SIGNIFICANT ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The DEIR provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level. With the implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, implementation of the proposed project would result in three significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, traffic and transportation, and public utilities.

TENTATIVE PUBLIC HEARING: The Planning Commission is scheduled to receive public comments on the DEIR on **March 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** at Foster City Council Chambers, located at 610 Foster City Boulevard.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions about this project, please contact Thai-Chau Le, Planning Manager at tle@fostercity.org or via telephone at (650) 286-3244.

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