



# City of Santa Barbara California

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (PLN2020-00627) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared for the following project, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970," as amended to date.

### **PROJECT LOCATION: 601 Santa Barbara St. (formerly 119 E. Cota St.)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of demolition of an existing parking lot and construction of a new three-story, approximately 53-foot-high, approximately 64,000-square-foot Police Station building, and associated 37.5-foot-high, approximately 84,000-square-foot parking structure to accommodate 236 parking spaces (128 for Police Department fleet vehicles and 108 for employee vehicles). Each structure would also have a subterranean level. Emergency service antennas would be installed on the roof of the parking structure. Eight additional vehicle surface parking spaces and four bicycle parking spaces would be provided for visitors. Grading includes 22,000 cubic yards of export. A total of 23 Tipuana tipu trees and 12 oak trees would be removed; 9 Tipuana tipu trees would be protected. The existing MTD bus stop shelter on Cota Street would be relocated along Cota Street. The existing plaques commemorating the old Lincoln School would also be relocated and incorporated into the project. The project requires Height Exception and Development Plan approvals by the Planning Commission and Project Design and Final approvals by the Architectural Board of Review. The parcel has a zoning designation of M-C (Manufacturing Commercial) and a General Plan Designation: of Commercial Industrial/ Medium High Density Residential/ Priority Housing Overlay (37-63 du/ac).

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**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** An Initial Study and a Draft MND have been prepared for this project and are available for review and comment. The Draft MND examines environmental impacts which may be associated with this project. Significant environmental effects identified in the Draft MND which are anticipated as a result of the project include impacts related to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise, and Water Quality and Hydrology. The Draft MND includes proposed mitigation measures to mitigate potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level. The site is not identified on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; however, contaminated soils were found on the site. Mitigation measures are identified in the Hazards and Hazardous Materials section of the Draft MND.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft MND document is available for review online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Services/Planning/ERDs/Draft](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Services/Planning/ERDs/Draft). If you are unable to review the document online, please contact Kathleen Kennedy (contact information below).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The City of Santa Barbara encourages the public to provide written comment on this and other projects. The public review period begins on **Friday, May 13, 2022**. Comments on the Draft MND must be submitted by **Sunday, June 12, 2022**. Please send your comments to: City of Santa Barbara, Planning Division, Attn: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990, or send them electronically to [KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:KKennedy@SantaBarbaraCA.gov).

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING:** A hearing to take public comments on the Draft MND will be held before the Planning Commission on **Thursday, June 2, 2022**, at 1:00 p.m.\* in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA. You are invited to attend this hearing in person or via Zoom and address your verbal comments to the Planning Commission (detailed instruction will be provided on the agenda).

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT:** Following the end of the Draft MND public review period, a Final MND will be prepared, and a subsequent noticed public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider adoption of the Final MND. If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, or in a public hearing on the project.

**NOTES REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING:** The regular Planning Commission meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. On **Thursday, May 26, 2022**, an Agenda with all items to be heard on **Thursday, June 2, 2022**, will be posted on the outdoor bulletin board at City Hall, 735 Anacapa Street, and online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC).

**AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, & PUBLIC RECORD WRITINGS:** Documents relating to agenda items are available for review online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC](https://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC). You may contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5578 for general questions about the status of a case.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564 5305. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead-time to arrange.

**TELEVISION COVERAGE:** This meeting will be broadcast live on City TV-Channel 18 and online at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTV). See [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/CityTVProgramGuide) for a rebroadcast schedule. An archived video of this meeting will be available at [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PCVideos](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PCVideos).