



NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Veteran's Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Medical Clinic;
Site Plan Review No. 21-0399

DATE: June 14, 2023
TO: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
PROJECT: Veteran's Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Medical Clinic; Site Plan Review No. 21-0399

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Bakersfield is the Lead Agency and has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Veteran's Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Medical Clinic; Site Plan Review No. 21-0399. A Notice of Availability of a Draft EIR was previously distributed to the public on May 5, 2023, which began a public review and comment period ending on Monday, June 19, 2023. The purpose of this notice is to announce that the public comment period has been extended to Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM as a courtesy to allow the public additional time to submit public comments on the Draft EIR, as June 19, 2023, is Juneteenth. The City of Bakersfield offices and State offices, however, are open on June 19, 2023. The Draft EIR and its Technical Appendices are available for review at the following website, additionally including Project Health Risk Calculations and AERMOD output files to accompany Technical Appendix B and the November 23, 2022 version of Technical Appendix D.

<https://www.bakersfieldcity.us/279/Environmental-Documents>

Written comments and inquiries regarding the Project and/or the DEIR should be directed to the following:

City of Bakersfield – Development Services Department
Attn: Louis Ramirez, Associate Planner II
1715 Chester Avenue, 2nd Floor
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Comments may also be emailed to lr Ramirez@bakersfieldcity.us

Project Description:

The Project involves the development of a ±39,648 square foot (s.f.) medical outpatient facility to serve as a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Community-Based Outpatient Medical Clinic, with associated parking and other site improvements on ±10.05 gross acres, located east of Knudsen Street, west of Landco Drive, north of Hageman Road and south of Olive Drive. APNs: 365-020-30, and -28. The site is presently vacant.

The application filed with the City of Bakersfield includes the following:

- **Site Plan Review No. 21-0399** is a proposed site plan for the development of a ±39,648 s.f. medical outpatient facility on ±10.05 gross-acres. Other features include a covered drop-off, bicycle racks, a covered ambulatory pick-up area, an outdoor physical therapy area, an outdoor dining area, and an elevated loading dock. Landscaping is proposed along the perimeter of the Project site, around the building, and throughout the parking areas. In addition, a healing garden is proposed on the east side of the building, which would include a garden path and benches.

Opportunity for Public Review and Comment

The issuance of this Notice of Availability triggers a 45-day public review period. The public review period begins on **May 5, 2023** and ends on **June 20, 2023**. The City of Bakersfield invites written comments regarding the proposed Project and/or adequacy of the DEIR. Trustee Agencies and Responsible agencies are asked to identify their statutory authorities pertaining to the Project. If applicable, please include the name and contact information of a contact person for your agency. In accordance with the time limits established by CEQA, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than 45 days after publication of this notice. Please submit your comments by 5:00 p.m. on or before **June 20, 2023** to:

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Attachments:

Figure 1 – Vicinity Map

Figure 2 – Proposed Development Plan

