

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Gilman Gateway Rezone Project

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Project Location: Berkeley, Alameda

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project would create a new zoning district - Manufacturing, Research and Development (M-RD) in order to facilitate future development. The M-RD zoning district would permit a variety of uses, including office, industrial and heavy commercial, laboratory, light manufacturing, and research and development (R&D), which would primarily be subject to the permit thresholds of the Mixed-Use Light Industrial (MULI) district. The EIR will evaluate the impact of the rezone and associated general plan amendments, as well as demolition of the existing buildings totaling approximately 311,000 square feet, construction of up to 1,005,266 square feet of nonresidential space and a minimum of 1,300 off-street automobile parking spaces, at a maximum building height of 105 feet.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts related to the following, which would be reduce to less than significant with mitigation:

- Cultural Resources (archaeological resources and human remains), Mitigation Measures CUL-2a through CUL-2d (testing plan, WEAP training, monitoring plan, and work stoppage)
- Tribal Cultural Resources, Mitigation Measures CUL-2a through CUL-2d
- Transportation (hazards and emergency access), Mitigation measure TRA-1 (circulation plan)
- Air Quality (criteria pollutants and odors), Mitigation Measures AIR-1 (BAAQMD BMPs), AIR-2 (architectural coatings), and AIR-6 (odor control plan)
- Energy (conflict with plan), Mitigation Measure GHG-1 requiring electric vehicle charging
- Noise, Mitigation Measure NOI-1 (Loading and Operations Plan)
- Hazards (transport/use and emergency response), Mitigation Measures HAZ-1 (testing), HAZ-2a through HAZ-2f (site characterization and design requirements), and TRA-1
- Hydrology, Mitigation Measures HAZ-1, HAZ-2a through HAZ-2f, HYD-1, HYD-2, HYD-3, HYD-4
- Biological Resources (special status species), Mitigation Measures BIO-1a through BIO-1f (roosting bats)

The proposed project would result in significant an unavoidable impacts related to the following, even with implementation of mitigation:

- Cultural Resources (historical resources) - Mitigation Measure CUL-1 (Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation)
- Air Quality (sensitive receptors and health risks), Mitigation Measures AIR-3 (construction equipment requirements), AIR-4 (relocation of 1306 Third St inhabitants during construction), AIR-5 (HRAs for future development)
- GHG, Mitigation Measure GHG-1

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

A total of two commenters submitted written responses to the Notice of Preparation (NOP), in addition to the verbal comments received at the public scoping session held on February 1, 2023. The NOP, comments received, and as summary from the scoping session are included in Appendix A. Comments in response to the NOP generally identified the following areas of potential concern:

- Archaeological and tribal cultural resources (addressed in Section 4.2, Cultural Resources, and Section 4.3, Tribal Cultural Resources)
- Water supply and conservation (addressed in Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)
- Wastewater service capacity, recycled water infrastructure and service, and utilities improvements (addressed in Chapter 6.0, Other CEQA Considerations)
- Potential for contaminated soils or groundwater at the project site (addressed in Section 4.8, Hazard and Hazardous Materials and Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality)

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Air Resources Board
Caltrans District #4
Native American Heritage Commission
Office of Historic Preservation
Regional WQCB #2
SWRCB: Water Quality
Department of Toxic Substances Control