



## Notice of Availability Environmental Impact Report City of Santa Rosa

**Date:** October 7, 2024

**To:** State Clearinghouse  
State Responsible Agencies  
State Trustee Agencies  
Other Public Agencies  
Interested Organizations  
Sonoma County Clerk

**From:** Amy Nicholson, Supervising Planner - Advance Planning  
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**Subject:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

**Lead Agency:** City of Santa Rosa Planning & Economic Development Department

**Project Title:** Santa Rosa General Plan 2050, also known as Santa Rosa Forward

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Rosa (City) has prepared an EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2023020166) for the proposed Santa Rosa General Plan 2050, also known as Santa Rosa Forward, (proposed project).

**Project Description:** The proposed Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 brings the current General Plan up to date with the latest State and federal legislation pertaining to urban development, transportation, climate resilience, and safety, and responds to local and regional housing needs, fosters economic growth and local job creation, enhances civic identity and placemaking, and protects sensitive natural resources. Zoning and/or land use changes supporting additional development capacity are proposed in select areas only. Changes to the city's transportation infrastructure propose new pedestrian and bicycle connections across Highways 101 and 12, road diets, and roadway widenings. The proposed Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy is an update to the City's 2012 Community-wide Climate Action Plan that identifies measures and programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by existing and future uses in Santa Rosa. Additional information on the proposed project is available at [www.santarosafoward.com](http://www.santarosafoward.com).

**Environmental Review:** The Draft EIR includes an evaluation of potential impacts in the EIR Study Area (see attached map) and identified less-than-significant impacts for aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, population and housing, public services, parks, and recreation, utilities and service systems, and tribal cultural resources. The Draft EIR identifies potential significant and unavoidable impacts at the program level in the topics of agricultural resources, air quality, noise, transportation, and wildfire. *The identification of these program-level impacts does not preclude the finding*

of less-than-significant impacts for subsequent individual projects that meet project-level thresholds of significance.

**Document Availability:** This notice, the Draft EIR, project information, including relevant documents, information on upcoming meetings, and ways you can provide feedback can be viewed online at [www.santarosaforward.com](http://www.santarosaforward.com).

**Submitting Comments:** Members of the public, agencies, and interested organizations are invited to provide comments on the Draft EIR that focus on whether the Draft EIR is sufficient in discussing possible impacts to the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects may be avoided or minimized through mitigation measures, and alternatives to the project in light of the purpose of the EIR to provide useful and accurate information about such factors. A public meeting to accept verbal comments on the EIR will be held on **Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** Members of the public may participate in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA. The public can also view or listen to the meeting live at:

1. <https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/Calendar>. Click on the "In Progress" link to view.
2. Via Zoom by visiting: <https://srcity-org.zoom.us/j/82970108050> or by dialing: **877-853-5257** and entering Webinar ID: **829 7010 8050**.
3. Via YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/cityofsantarosa>.

Comments can be submitted prior to, during, or after the public meeting, but should be submitted by the end of the 45-day review period at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. Please send your written comments to Amy Nicholson, Supervising Planner – Advance Planning of the Planning & Economic Development Department, at the mailing address shown above or email to [anicholson@srcity.org](mailto:anicholson@srcity.org) with "Santa Rosa General Plan 2050 EIR" as the subject. Public agencies providing comments are asked to include a contact person for the agency.

**Hazardous Materials/Waste Disclosure:** A search of the online databases conducted for the EIR, identified sites that have not been fully remediated or closed. The complete list and location of active sites within the EIR Study Area is shown in Table 4.9-1, *Active Hazardous Material Sites*, of the Draft EIR.

Date: 10/1/2024

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#### EIR STUDY AREA MAP

