



## NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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**From:** City of Pasadena  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with §21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2013091009

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**Project Title:** Environmental Impact Report Addendum (EIR State Clearinghouse No. 2013091009) for the Central District Specific Plan (CDSP)

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**Project Applicant:** City of Pasadena

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**Project Location (include county):** The CDSP Update area is located in the the City of Pasadena in Los Angeles County. It is generally bound by Corson Street to the north, Pasadena Avenue to the west, Del Mar and California Boulevard to the south, and the Mentor and Wilson Avenue to the east.

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**Project Description:** The purpose of this Addendum to the Pasadena General Plan Environmental Impact Report (GP EIR) is to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the proposed Central District Specific Plan (CDSP) Update and to determine whether these impacts are consistent with the evaluation presented in the GP EIR in compliance with CEQA (Public Resource Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.).

The proposed project would update the CDSP to implement the Pasadena General Plan (General Plan). This project proposes to update the following components of the CDSP to bring it into alignment with the General Plan:

- Specific Plan Area boundary
- Vision, objectives, goals and policies
- Zoning districts regulating allowed land uses
- Density, intensity, and height of new development
- Urban design standards
- Vehicle access and parking standards
- Types and amount of open space and landscaping requirements

- Public realm standards (sidewalks, parkways and street trees)
- Implementation programs

Updates to the CDSP primarily focus on refining and/or establishing land uses and zoning districts, as well as objective development and design standards to achieve the goals and vision of the General Plan. This includes building upon the CDSP area's existing strength as a vibrant downtown with a mix of uses, walkable areas with shopping, entertainment, restaurants, offices, and housing connected by multiple modes of transit. Updates to the CDSP seek to stimulate economic development, encourage pedestrian-oriented retail and services, support pedestrian mobility, and target housing opportunities in a contextually sensitive manner. Through incremental development, the CDSP would strengthen Pasadena's urban core, providing a wider variety of amenities, services, and housing options to residents, employees, and visitors. To support the land use and zoning district updates, the CDSP Update includes urban design standards related to scale, frontages, open space, and parking to encourage quality architecture that enhances the community's unique character. Standards for the public realm are also included in the CDSP Update to address and regulate pedestrian infrastructure and amenities to support a safe, accessible, and comfortable pedestrian experience, including sidewalks, parkways, and street trees. The CDSP Update does not address roadway (curb-to-curb) modifications or improvements, which are within the purview of other City-wide documents.

The General Plan leaves the more detailed development and design standards to be identified in the Specific Plan. The proposed CDSP Update establishes the regulatory tools needed to implement the General Plan through the identification of development and design standards suited to the CDSP area. An EIR was prepared for the General Plan in compliance with CEQA and adopted by the City Council on August 17, 2015. This addendum to the General Plan EIR has been prepared to compare the environmental impacts of the proposed CDSP Update to those analyzed in the GP EIR.

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This is to advise that the City of Pasadena,  Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency, has approved the above described project on October 16, 2023, conducted the first reading of the EIR Addendum for the CDSP Update on February 5, 2024, conducted the second reading of the same ordinance to amend the zoning code and map on February 26, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The original project (the General Plan)  will  will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the original project (General Plan) pursuant to the Provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were  were not made a condition of the approval of the original project (General Plan).
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was  was not adopted for the original project (General Plan).
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations  was  was not adopted for the original project (General Plan).
6. Findings  were  were not made for the original project (General Plan) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA (Section 15091).
7. The CDSP Update  would  would not result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects as a result of changes

in the project, changes occurring with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, or new information of substantial importance.

8.  No mitigation measures, beyond those in the General Plan EIR and the corresponding Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, are necessary for the CDSP Update.

This is to certify that copies of the Addendum to the EIR, and the original EIR are available to the General Public at: The City of Pasadena Permit Center, 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101, 626-744-6777.



*Signature (Public Agency)*

*Principal Planner*

*Title*

*3/4/24*

*Date*

Date received for filing at OPR:

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Updated per the State CEQA Guidelines as Amended

