



Notice of Preparation

Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project

Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: December 18, 2023
To: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Preparation and Scoping Meeting for the Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report
Comment Period: December 18, 2023, to January 19, 2024
Scoping Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Notice

The City of Martinez (City) will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project (proposed project). The City has prepared this Notice of Preparation in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15082 to notify responsible and trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties that the City plans to prepare a Draft EIR and to request input regarding the content of the environmental analysis and information to be included in the Draft EIR. The City is the lead agency responsible for compliance with CEQA for the proposed project.

Project Location and Setting

The project site is located at the southern boundary of the existing Martinez Terminal industrial property located at 2801 Waterfront Road in the City of Martinez. The project site comprises approximately 2.7 acres along the southern boundary of the Martinez Terminal and extends south of Waterfront Road to the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks. The project would be situated within the Martinez Terminal property and within UPRR right-of-way, with Waterfront Road bisecting the project site. The project site is bounded by the Martinez Terminal property on the north, the UPRR right-of-way on the south, industrial and undeveloped lands on the east, and State lands and tidelands on the west. Figure 1 shows the location of the project site.

The 255-acre Martinez Terminal property is currently developed with pipelines, storage tanks, office space, and related facilities associated with its operation as a storage and transportation hub for petroleum and renewable products and related feed and blend stocks.

Project Description

The Project Applicant proposes to implement the proposed project to reestablish a former rail line on the south side of the existing Martinez Terminal in the City of Martinez, connecting to the existing UPRR railroad tracks south of Waterfront Road. The rail spur would be located within the existing Martinez Terminal property and within UPRR right-of-way. The project would include construction of approximately 3,500 linear feet of new track, with a lead track of approximately 2,050 feet, and three operating industry tracks of approximately 475 feet each. These tracks would hold train cars for the transport of a range of petroleum-based and renewable products, feed stocks, and blend stocks commodities, similar to current operations at the terminal. Ancillary improvements would be implemented at the Martinez Terminal to support operation of the reestablished rail spur, including the installation of piping, a pumping system,

and other associated improvements. Additionally, a stormwater drainage and secondary containment system would be installed. No new types of services or operations at the facility are being proposed from those previously permitted, constructed, or used. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in spring 2025 and take approximately 12 months to complete, concluding in spring 2026.

Potential Environmental Effects

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, an Initial Study has been prepared and the City has determined that the proposed project may potentially result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, an EIR will be prepared for the proposed project. The potential environmental impacts of the proposed project that will be addressed in the EIR include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Reviewing Locations

This Notice of Preparation and the Initial Study may be accessed online at: <https://info.haleyaldrich.com/martinez-rail-restoration>. Hardcopies are also available for review at the City's office at 525 Henrietta Street during regular business hours.

Public Review and Comment Period

This Notice of Preparation and Initial Study will be circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period commencing on December 18, 2023, and concluding on January 19, 2024. During the 30-day public review and comment period, the City is soliciting comments on the scope of the Draft EIR, including potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives to be considered.

All comments in response to this notice must be submitted in writing at the address below or via email by **5:00 PM on January 19, 2024**:

Martinez Rail Restoration Comment
City of Martinez
Public Works Department
525 Henrietta Street
Martinez, CA 94533
Attn: Matthew Feske, Haley & Aldrich
MartinezTransMontaigneComment@haleyaldrich.com

Scoping Meeting

The City will hold a virtual (online) scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for agency representatives and the public to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR.

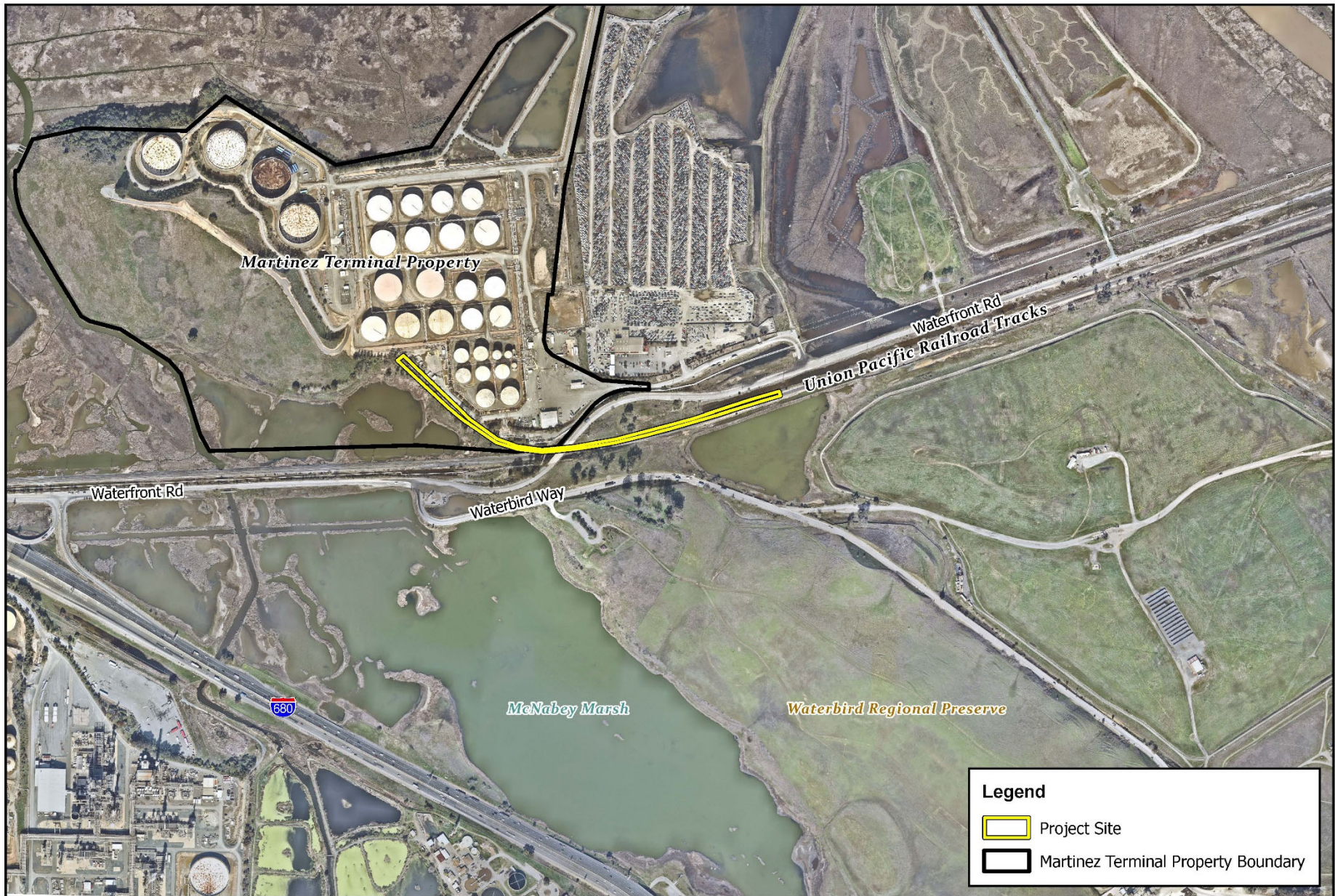
The scoping meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**, from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link and access information is provided below:

<https://haleyaldrich.zoom.us/j/88187409988?pwd=EI2DmW2LwTylq4BkFJdGWZNVNpQps.1>

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MARTINEZ TERMINAL RAIL
 RESTORATION PROJECT
Project Location Map

Figure 1