



Notice of Availability

Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project

Draft Environmental Impact Report

Date: April 2, 2025
To: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Availability and Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Meeting for the Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project
Comment Period: April 2, 2025, to May 16, 2025
Draft EIR Public Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Notice

The City of Martinez (City) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project (proposed project). The City has prepared this Notice of Availability in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15087 to notify responsible and trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties that the Draft EIR has been submitted to the State Clearinghouse and is available for public review and comment. 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.

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 3,850 linear feet of new track, with a lead track of approximately 1,900 feet, and three operating industry tracks of approximately 650 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. Construction of the proposed project is anticipated to begin in spring 2026 and take approximately 12 months to complete, concluding in spring 2027.

Anticipated Environmental Effects

An analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project has been conducted and is contained in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts requiring mitigation measures for biological resources; cultural resources; hazards and hazardous materials; and tribal cultural resources. The Draft EIR identifies less than significant impacts for air quality, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, noise, and transportation. No significant and unavoidable impacts have been identified for implementation of the proposed project.

Hazardous Materials/Waste On-Site

The Martinez Terminal facility, located at 2801 Waterfront Road, is listed in various environmental databases compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Reviewing Locations

This Notice of Availability and the Draft EIR may be accessed online at: www.cityofmartinez.org/railrestoration. A limited number of hard copies 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 Availability and Draft EIR will be circulated for a 45-day public review and comment period commencing on April 2, 2025, and concluding on May 16, 2025. During the 45-day public review and comment period, the City is soliciting comments on the Draft EIR for the proposed project.

All comments in response to this notice must be submitted in writing at the address below or via email by **5:00 PM on May 16, 2025**:

Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Comment
City of Martinez
Public Works Department
525 Henrietta Street
Martinez, CA 94553
Attn: Joe Enke, Public Works Director
Email: jenke@cityofmartinez.org

Please include "Martinez Terminal Rail Restoration Project EIR Comments" in the email subject line.

Draft EIR Public Meeting

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

The public meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 1, 2025**, from **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link and access information is provided below:

Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/98567673676>

Meeting ID: 985 6767 3676

Or join by phone at +1 (669) 444-9171 / Meeting ID: 985 6767 3676