



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

The City of Artesia issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study on February 26, 2024. The NOP was distributed to the State Clearinghouse, public agencies, special districts, responsible and trustee agencies, and other interested parties; and was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk. Printed copies of the NOP were available for public review at the Artesia Public Library and Artesia City Hall, Planning Department. In addition, electronic copies were made available for download on the City's website at: <https://www.cityofartesia.us/522/Artesia-Downtown-Specific-Plan>. Comments received during the 30-day public review period, from February 26 to March 27, 2024, are provided in Chapter 2, Introduction, of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. A public scoping meeting was held during the public review period, on March 4, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the City of Artesia's Albert O. Little Community Center. At the conclusion of the presentation, attendees of the scoping meeting were able to provide comments and questions about the project to City staff and the project consultant during the question-and-answer portion of the meeting. The NOP process helps determine the scope of the environmental issues to be addressed in the DEIR. Based on this process and the analysis in the Initial Study for the project, certain environmental categories were identified as having the potential to result in significant impacts. Issues considered Potentially Significant are addressed in this DEIR, and issues identified as Less Than Significant or No Impact are addressed in the Initial Study. Please refer to the Initial Study in Appendix A of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for a discussion of how these determinations were made. Based on the scoping process, the primary areas of controversy known to the City include land uses and transportation.

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

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