

NOTICE OF PREPARATION DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT & PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE 79 NORTH LOGISTICS CENTER PROJECT, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 853 EAST 3RD STREET IN THE CITY OF BEAUMONT

As lead agency, the City of Beaumont ("City") is publishing this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") for a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), to evaluate the environmental impacts of the following proposed actions that together are referred to as the ("Project"):

- Approval of a Plot Plan.
- Approval of Tentative Parcel Map No. 38724

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the City has determined that an EIR is the appropriate environmental document for the Project. This NOP is being circulated to obtain the views of you or your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency or organization's responsibilities or interests in connection with the Project. If applicable, your agency may need to use this EIR when considering issuance of a permit or other approval for the Project. Information provided to the City during the NOP comment period will be used to shape and focus the analysis of environmental impact in the EIR.

NOP COMMENT PERIOD: The NOP public comment periods begins **APRIL 18, 2024 and ends on MAY 17, 2024.** Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b), the City invites you to submit written comments describing your specific environmental concerns, and if representing a public agency, please identify your specific areas of statutory responsibility. Please send your NOP comments to Carole Kendrick, Planning Manager, City of Beaumont City Hall, 550 East 6th Street,



Beaumont CA, 92223. Please include the name of the agency or organization (if applicable), address, email, and contact person in your correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Kendrick at (951) 572-3237 or via email at CKendrick@beaumontca.gov. Written comments are wanted at the earliest possible date, but due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be received by MAY 17, 2024.

A copy of the NOP is available for public review at the Planning Department at the City of Beaumont City Hall, 550 East 6th Street, Beaumont CA, 92223. Electronic copies are available on the City's Website: https://www.beaumontca.gov/1125/Planning-Projects.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting will be held in the City of Beaumont City Hall Council Chambers, 550 East 6th Street, Beaumont CA, 92223. This meeting will be available via live streaming and made available on the City's official YouTube webpage. Please use the following link during the meeting for live stream access: BeaumontCa.gov/Livestream.

Public comments will be accepted by the following methods: 1) Written comments will be accepted via email and will be read aloud during the meeting. Comments can be submitted any time prior to the meeting as well as during the meeting up until the end of the scoping period; 2) Phone-in comments will be accepted by joining a conference line prior to or during the meeting; and 3) In-person comments.

The call-in number will be made available approximately 72 hours prior to the meeting and can be found through the meeting information link below. The meeting will be held at the following, date and time:

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, MAY 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Meeting Information Link: https://www.youtube.com/c/TheCityofBeaumont

EIR PROCESS: Following the close of the NOP comment period, a Draft EIR will be prepared that will consider all NOP comments. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a), the Draft EIR will be released for public review and comment. Following the close of the public comment period, the City will prepare a Final EIR, which will include a response to comments to the Draft EIR received during the public comment period. The Final EIR will be used by the Planning Commission to consider the Project.

PROJECT SITE LOCATION AND SETTING: The Project site is an approximate 20.06-acre site located at 853 East 3rd Street (Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs] 418-230-002, -003, -004, 418-260-013 & -014), in the City of Beaumont (See Figures 1, *Regional and Vicinity Map* and 2, *Aerial Photograph*). Regional access to the Project site is provided via the Interstate 10 (I-10)



Freeway at Pennsylvania Avenue to the east and at State Route 79 (SR-79)/Beaumont Avenue to the west.

The northwestern portion of the Project site is currently developed as a storage yard for Southern California Edison and is occupied by Par Electrical Contractors. The remainder of the Project site consists of vacant and undeveloped land along with ornamental trees located in the southeast portion.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Applicant, Brookfield Logistics, on behalf of IV5 853 E. 3rd Street LLC, is seeking approval of a Plot Plan and Tentative Parcel Map No. 38724 to redevelop the 20.06-acre site in the City of Beaumont. As shown in Figure 3, *Site Plan*, the Project is proposing to redevelop the Project site with one industrial warehouse building totaling 404,200 sf (including 4,000 sf of mezzanine) and related site improvements including landscaping, parking, and infrastructure facilities. Of the total building square footage, the Project would allocate 396,200 sf for warehousing/distribution and 8,000 sf for office uses (including 4,000 sf of mezzanine). A total of 70 truck dock doors are proposed, with 35 dock doors each along the western and eastern sides of the building.

Vehicular access to the Project site for both trucks and passenger vehicles would be provided via four driveways, two on East 3rd Street and two on East 1st Street. Parking will include 333 standard parking stalls, 8 ADA parking stalls, 2 Van ADA parking stalls, 64 EV capable parking stalls without electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), 20 EV capable charging stalls with EVSE, 1 ADA parking stall with EVSE, and 1 Van ADA parking stall with EVSE, and 70 truck trailer parking spaces. Automotive parking stalls would be located to the north and south of the proposed building.

Water service to the Project site would be provided by the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Water District (BCVWD). Water would be accommodated via a proposed 3-inch and 10-inch water lines that would extend from the southeastern corner of the building to the existing 24-inch water main located on East 1st Street. Similarly, recycled water to the Project site would be provided via a proposed 2-inch recycled water line that would extend from the southern boundary of the Project site to the 24-inch recycled water main located on East 1st Street.

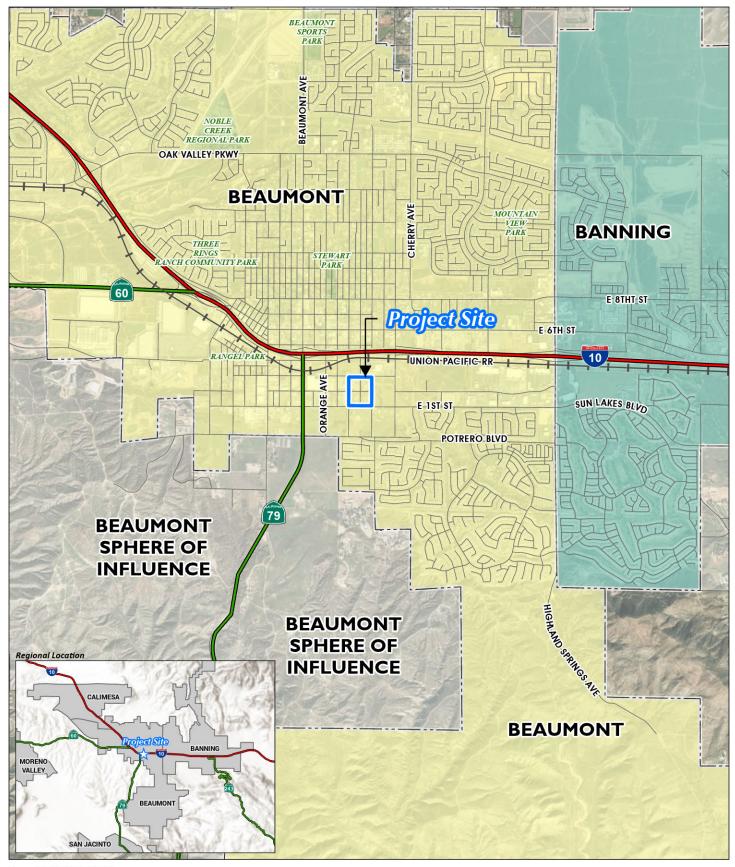
Sanitary sewer service to the Project site would be provided by the City of Beaumont. Proposed 6-inch sewer lines would be extended from the southwestern corner of the building, which would connect to a 30-inch existing sewer main on East 1st Street. Sewer flows from the Project site would be conveyed via the regional wastewater conveyance facilities to the Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant, located approximately 1.16 miles northeast of the Project site.



Runoff from the Project site would drain into several catch basins located throughout the Project site. The four bio-retention/planter boxes, located at each corner of the Project site, would outlet treated flows to their respective corners of the Project via pumps and parkway drains. Larger storm events would predominantly outlet to the northeast, southwest, and southeast corners of the site via separate parkway drains.

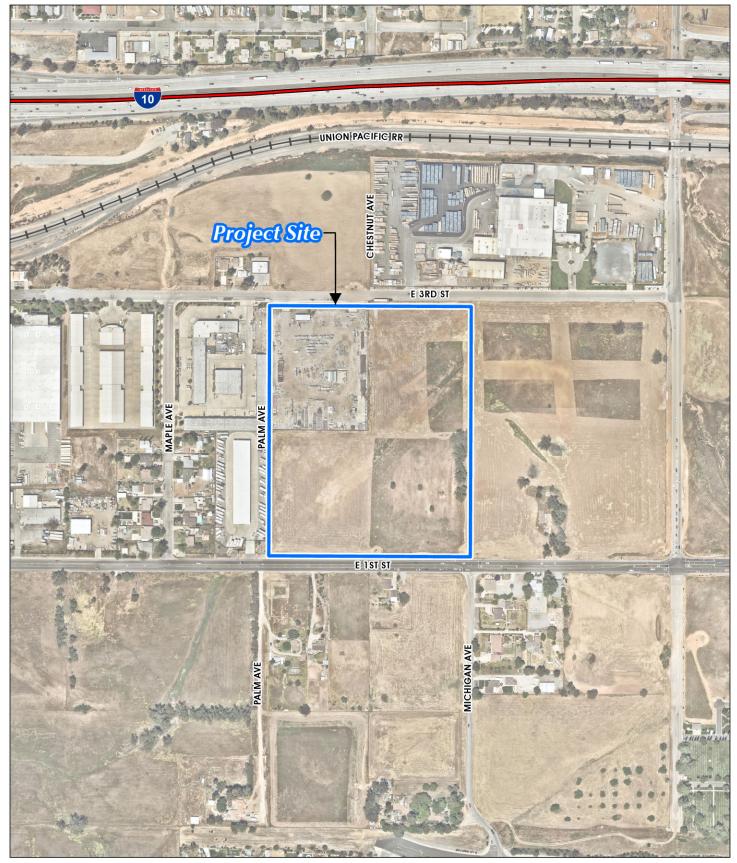
Natural Gas service to the Project site is provided by Southern California Gas Company (SCG) while electrical service to the Project site is provided by Southern California Edison (SCE). Portions of the existing power poles and underground wires that are currently running east-west along the southern property boundary will be removed to accommodate the improvements proposed for the Project. Such work will be coordinated with SCE. The Project would involve utility connections to provide electric power and telecommunications services to the Project site.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The EIR will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project on aspects of the physical environment addressed under CEQA. The environmental topic areas anticipated to be included in the EIR include Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, and Tribal Cultural Resources. The EIR will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, cumulative impacts, and alternatives.



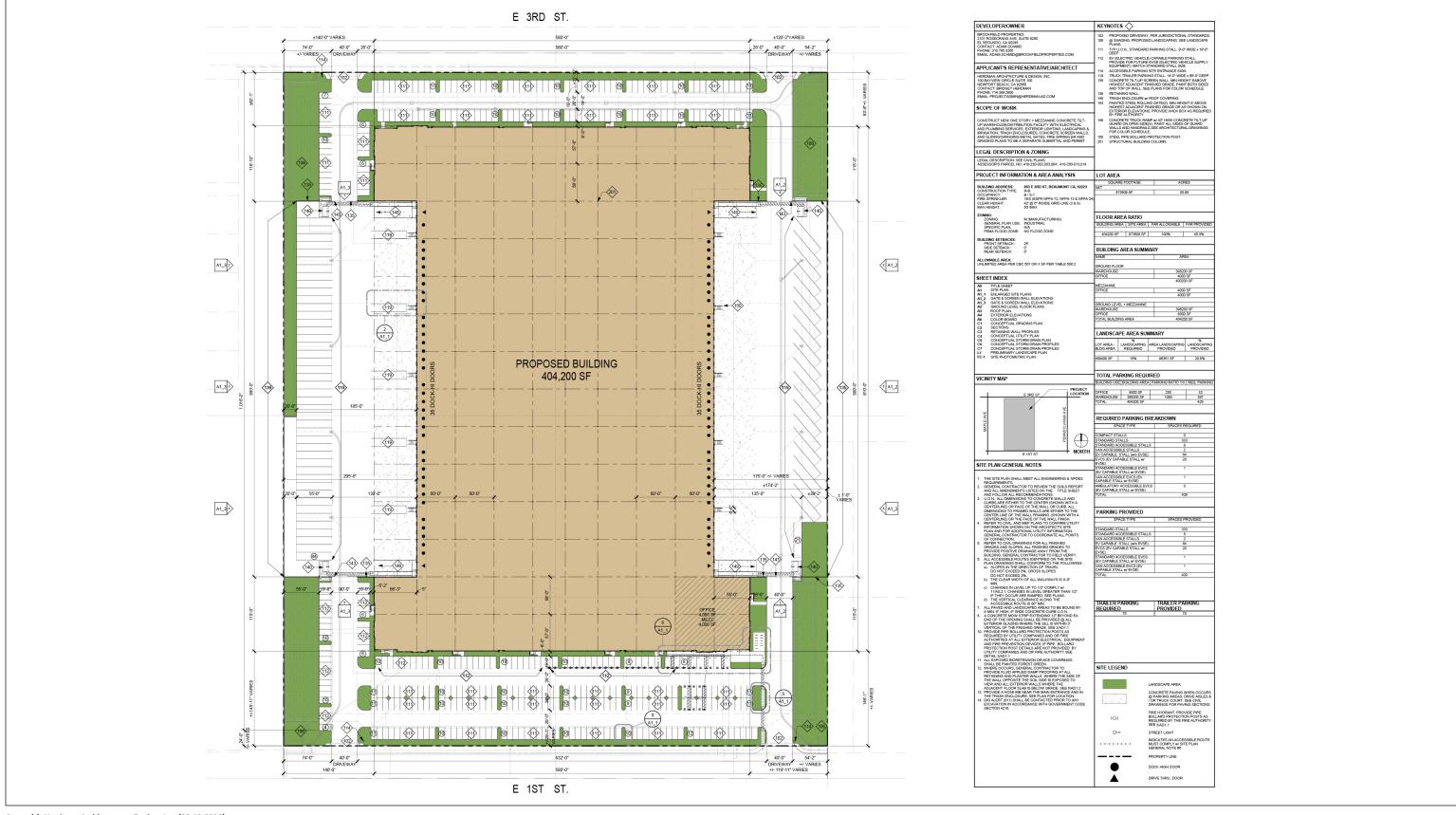
Source(s): ESRI, RCIT (2023) Figure 1





Source(s): ESRI, NearMap Imagery (May 2023)

Figure 2



Source(s): Herdman Architecture + Design, Inc. (09-19-2023)



Figure 3