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Project Title: 2045 General Plan Reset

CEQA Document: Environmental Impact Report

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Project Location (City and County): City of San Carlos, County of San Mateo

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences):

The primary focus of the proposed project is to update the San Carlos 2030 General Plan to amend the future development projections. The proposed project also involves limited updates to the General Plan background text and policies.

There are currently a variety of planning efforts being undertaken in the City, as well as ongoing development projects. The Northeast Area Specific Plan and Downtown Specific Plan are being prepared concurrently with this project. An EIR is being prepared separately for the Northeast Area Specific Plan, please see the project website for details: <https://www.sancarlosnortheastplan.com/>. Because the Downtown Specific Plan is planned to be consistent with the 2045 General Plan Reset, it is anticipated that an Addendum to the 2045 General Plan Reset EIR will be prepared for the Downtown Specific Plan after certification of the 2045 General Plan Reset EIR; please see the project website for details: <https://www.sancarlosdowntownplan.com/>. Both Specific Plans include buildout projections that are incorporated into the citywide buildout capacity for the 2045 General Plan Reset.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Draft EIR analyzes potential impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, parks and recreation, population and housing, public services, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. Mitigation measures are included for air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation. Impacts would be significant and unavoidable for air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, transportation, and wildfire.

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 issued an NOP on June 3, 2024. The CEQA-mandated 30-day scoping period for this EIR was between June 3, 2024, and July 3, 2024, during which interested agencies and the public could submit comments about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. Following the issuance of the Notice of Preparation, the City received seven comment letters from State agencies, local organizations, and municipalities.

The following is a discussion of issues that are likely to be of particular concern to agencies and interested members of the public during the environmental review process. Though every concern applicable to the CEQA process is addressed in this Draft EIR, this list is not necessarily exhaustive, but rather attempts to capture concerns that are likely to generate the greatest interest based on the input received during the scoping process.

- Biological Resources (regulatory requirements)
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials (cleanup sites)
- Land Use and Planning (annexation)

- Population and Housing (jobs/housing balance)
- Public Services (schools and developer school impact fees)
- Transportation (regulatory requirements, local transportation analysis)
- Utilities and Service Systems (wastewater disposal)

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

The proposed project would require adoption by the San Carlos City Council. The Planning and Transportation Commission will review the proposed project and make recommendations to the City Council. While other agencies may be consulted during the 2045 General Plan Reset process, their approval is not required for 2045 General Plan Reset adoption. However, subsequent development under the 2045 General Plan Reset may require approval of State, federal, responsible, and trustee agencies that may rely on the programmatic EIR for decisions in their areas of permitting.