



City of Berkeley
Parks, Recreation & Waterfront

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR TOM BATES REGIONAL SPORTS
COMPLEX RESTROOM AND COMMUNITY SPACE PROJECT**

Date: November 6, 2024
To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Individuals
From: City of Berkeley, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Division
Subject: **Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Pursuant to the *State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*, this is to advise that the City of Berkeley has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental effects of the project identified below:

Project Title: Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex Restroom and Community Space

Applicant: City of Berkeley – Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department

Project Location: The Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex encompasses approximately 20 acres; the proposed Project encompasses 3.69 acres (160,750 square feet) and one parcel at 400 Gilman Street (Alameda County Assessor's Parcel Number 60-2529-1-6) in the City of Berkeley. The site is located on the southwest corner of Gilman Street and West Frontage Road.

Proposed Project Description: The City of Berkeley Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Division proposes implementing various new elements to the existing Tom Bates Regional Sports Complex. The proposed conceptual layout includes the construction of new community space facility with restrooms, multi-use room and storage room; new youth (U8) soccer field, eight pickleball courts; reconfigured parking lot with electric vehicle charging stations and temporary lot during construction; bicycle racks and lockers, walkways that are compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA); stormwater bioretention features, landscaped areas; new electric service and a sanitary sewer lift station. The project site is included on a list of sites from the State Water Resources Control Board as described by Government Code 65962.5. Appropriate mitigation measures have been identified in the study and will be implemented.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period will begin on November 7, 2024. Written comments must be mailed, submitted in person or via email to the contact person below no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2024.

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Public Hearing: The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.

CEQA Project Status: An Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS-MND determined that the proposed project would have no impact and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed. The Draft IS/MND and all related analysis are available on the City's Project website at: <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/our-work/capital-projects/tom-bates-regional-sports-complex-restroom-community>.

A physical copy of the Draft IS/MND will also be available for in person review at the City offices at 2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704.