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October 31, 2019

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
A PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**Hollywood Community Plan Update
City EIR No. ENV-2016-1451-EIR
CPC-2016-1450-CPU
State Clearinghouse No. 2016041093**

TO: Affected Agencies, Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

PROJECT NAME: Hollywood Community Plan Update

REASONS FOR RECIRCULATION: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Los Angeles (City), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the proposed Hollywood Community Plan Update (Proposed Plan). This RDEIR includes only the sections of the EIR that require updating since publication of the Draft EIR.

Since the publication of the Draft EIR in November 2018, the Natural Resources Agency certified new guidelines for transportation impacts under CEQA in response to Senate Bill (SB) 743 which directed the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to establish criteria for determining the significance of transportation impacts by a metric other than level of service (LOS) or similar measures of vehicular capacity or traffic congestion. In response to SB 743 and the new CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, Determining the Significance of Transportation Impacts, the City of Los Angeles adopted new transportation thresholds for CEQA in July 2019. Therefore Section 4.15, Transportation and Traffic, has been updated to reflect the new CEQA Guidelines and the City's adopted transportation thresholds. In addition, the transportation analyses in Chapter 5.0, Alternatives, have also been updated to reflect the new CEQA guidelines, and the discussion of transportation impacts and impact conclusions for each of the Project Alternatives has been revised to reflect the City's adopted transportation thresholds. Finally, a new appendix (Appendix N) is provided for the Draft EIR to supplement the analysis in Section 4.3, Air Quality to respond to the decision in *Sierra Club v. County of Fresno* (December 2018) and why it is not feasible to further describe the associated health effects of the projects significant and unavoidable air quality impacts. Only those portions of the Draft EIR that include significant new information are being recirculated.

This notice provides the general public, the local community, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with a summary of the Proposed Plan (which is not changing as compared to that presented and analyzed in the Draft EIR); conclusions of the Draft EIR and RDEIR, information regarding the availability of the RDEIR for public review, directions for submitting comments, and the timeframe for submitting comments on the RDEIR. Comments must be submitted in writing according to the directions below.

COMMENT REVIEW PERIOD: October 31, 2019 to December 16, 2019

PROJECT LOCATION: The Hollywood Community Plan Area (CPA) is located within the incorporated City of Los Angeles and contains approximately 13,962 acres or 21.8 square miles. The CPA extends roughly south of the Cities of Burbank and Glendale and the Ventura Freeway (State Route 134), west of the Golden State Freeway (Interstate 5), north of Melrose Avenue and south of Mulholland Drive and the Cities of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, including land south of the City of West Hollywood, and north of Rosewood Avenue, between La Cienega Boulevard and La Brea Avenue.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 4, 5 and 13

PROJECT BACKGROUND: The Hollywood Community Plan is one of 35 Community Plans, which comprise the Land Use Element of the General Plan. The Land Use Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the General Plan that also include noise, transportation, and conservation among others. The Hollywood Community Plan (the land use plan for Hollywood) is being updated consistent with California Code Section 65302 for General Plans.

The City previously approved an update to the Hollywood Community Plan in substantially similar form as the Proposed Plan and certified EIR No. ENV-2005-2158-EIR, SCH No. 2002041009 (2012 EIR), on June 19, 2012 (2012 Approvals). On February 11, 2014, after a legal challenge to the 2012 Approvals, the Los Angeles Superior Court issued a Judgment directing the City to: (1) rescind its 2012 Approvals and (2) prepare, circulate and certify, consistent with the requirements of CEQA, an adequate and valid EIR, which could include a supplemental, revised 2012 EIR or a new EIR. The City elected to prepare a new EIR for the Proposed Plan.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project Description remains the same as presented in the Draft EIR. The Proposed Plan would guide development for the Hollywood CPA through 2040 and includes amending both the text (land use policies) and the land use map of the Hollywood Community Plan. The Proposed Plan would also adopt several resolutions and zoning ordinances to implement the updates to the Community Plan, including changes for certain portions of the Hollywood CPA to allow specific uses and changes to development regulations (including height, floor area ratio (FAR), and density). These zoning ordinances would take a number of different forms, including amendments to the Zoning Map for zone and height district changes under Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.32, amendments to an existing specific plan (Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan), and development of a Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) District.

The Hollywood CPIO District Subarea boundaries would generally follow Franklin Avenue to the north, U.S. Route 101 (US-101) to the east, Fountain Avenue to the south and La Brea Avenue to the west. The CPIO District would propose regulatory protections for designated historical resources and pedestrian-oriented design standards in the Hollywood CPA. The CPIO would require that the rehabilitation of designated resources comply with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and restrict applicants from obtaining a demolition permit without an approved replacement project. Also, to ensure consistency between the updated Community Plan and other City plans and ordinances, the Proposed Plan includes amendments to the Framework and Mobility Elements of the General Plan, and other elements as necessary.

The table below identifies the reasonably expected population, housing, and employment in the Proposed Plan, and compares this to the 2016 Baseline, Existing Plan and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2040 projections. Note: Revisions to the Reasonably Expected Development were updated after publication of the Notice of Preparation to respond to new data and analysis that occurred during the preparation of the Draft EIR.

2040 REASONABLY EXPECTED DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN				
	2016 Baseline	Existing Plan	Proposed Plan	SCAG 2040 Forecast /c/
Population	206,000	226,000 – 243,000	243,000 - 264,000	226,000
Housing /a,b/	104,000	113,000 – 121,000	121,000 - 132,000	113,000
Employment	101,000	119,000	124,000 - 127,000	119,000
<small>Numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand. /a/ SCAG provides forecasts for households, which is the equivalent of occupied housing units, and does not include all units. /b/ The Existing Plan and the Proposed Plan factor in additional housing units that can be expected from the City’s housing incentives. It assumes all units are occupied. /c/ The SCAG 2040 Forecast does not factor in potential additional units from the City’s TOC Guidelines, which were adopted in 2017 after the adoption of the SCAG 2016/2040 RTP/SCS. SOURCE: SCAG 2016-2040 RTP/SCS; City of Los Angeles, 2016, 2018.</small>				

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR identifies the following unavoidable significant environmental impacts: Air Quality (Violate Air Quality Standards during Construction and Operations; Cumulative Net Increase in Criteria Pollutants; Sensitive Receptors during Construction); Biological Resources (Special Status Species Habitat, Riparian Habitat, Wetlands, and Migratory Wildlife); Cultural Resources (Historical Resources); Noise (Groundborne Vibration/Noise; and Permanent and Temporary Noise increases); and Public Services (Parks). This RDEIR does not change any of the unavoidable significant adverse impacts listed above. Under the RDEIR, none of the transportation and traffic impacts of the Proposed Plan are identified as significant.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND COMMENT:

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), the City is requesting that reviewers limit their comments to the revised Section 4.15, Chapter 5.0 and Appendix N that are recirculated in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), in the Final EIR, the City will provide responses to (i) comments received during the initial circulation period that relate to chapters, sections, appendices or portions of the Draft EIR that were not revised and recirculated, and (ii) comments received during the recirculation period that relate to the chapter, sections, appendices of the Draft EIR that were revised and recirculated.

The RDEIR is available for public review for a 45-day period from October 31, 2019 to December 16, 2019. If you wish to review a copy of the RDEIR, you may do so at the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning at: 200 North Spring Street, Room 667, Los Angeles. Copies of the RDEIR are also available for general public review at the following City of Los Angeles Public Library branches:

Richard J. Riordan Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Cahuenga Branch Library
4591 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90029

**Frances Howard Goldwyn -
Hollywood Regional Branch Library**
1623 Ivar Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028

John C. Fremont Branch Library
6121 Melrose Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90038

Los Feliz Branch Library
1874 Hillhurst Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library
7140 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90046

The RDEIR can be downloaded or reviewed at the Department of City Planning's website [planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir]. The RDEIR can be purchased on cd-rom for \$7.50 per copy. Contact Linda Lou at linda.lou@lacity.org or (213) 978-1473 to purchase one.

If you wish to submit comments on the RDEIR, comply with the following instructions. The comments shall be written or typed and the comment shall include the commenter's name, contact information, and file number ENV-2016-1451-EIR. The written or typed comments shall be submitted to Linda Lou, in one of the following manners:

Mail: Linda Lou
Los Angeles Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 667
Los Angeles, California 90012

E-mail: linda.lou@lacity.org

Written comments must be submitted between October 31, 2019 and December 16, 2019, and **no later than 5:00 PM on December 16, 2019.**

Comments that fail to comply with the above instructions for submissions for comments on the RDEIR may not be included in the Final EIR and receive a response to comments under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088 and 15088.5.