



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Availability of Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

Date: April 24, 2013
Case No.: 2011.1356E
Project Title: **Central Corridor Plan**
Zoning: Multiple Use and Height and Bulk Districts
Block/Lot: Multiple Blocks and Lots
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A notice of preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's Negative Declarations and EIRs web page (<http://tinyurl.com/sfceqadocs>). Paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter on the first floor of 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street. (Call (415) 575-9018)

Project Description: The Central Corridor Plan is a comprehensive plan for the southern portion of the Central Subway transit line, an extension of the Third Street light rail line, in the South of Market neighborhood (SoMa). The Plan area encompasses approximately 260 acres, and is bounded by Market Street to the north, Sixth Street to the west, Second Street to the east, and Townsend Street to the south. The project to be analyzed is the draft Central Corridor Plan published in April 2013, as well as street network changes throughout the Plan area, including specific designs within, and in some cases extending beyond, the Plan area for the following streets: Folsom, Howard, Harrison, Bryant, Brannan, Third, and Fourth streets. The Central Corridor Plan identifies two height options for the Plan area. The EIR will analyze the Plan's Mid-Rise Height Option (Option A), the Plan's High-Rise Height Option (Option B), and alternatives to these options as required by CEQA, including a No Project Alternative. Together, the Plan and public realm improvements encompass the proposed project that will be analyzed in the EIR.

The Planning Department has determined that an EIR must be prepared for the proposed project prior to any final decision regarding whether to approve the project. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project, to identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and to describe and analyze possible alternatives to the proposed project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or to disapprove the project. However, prior to making any such decision, decision-makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

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The Planning Department will hold a **PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING** on **May 15, 2013** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** at The Mendelson House located at 737 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. The purpose of this meeting is to receive oral comments to assist the Planning Department in reviewing the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis and information to be contained in the EIR for the project. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on **May 24, 2013**. Written comments should be sent to Sarah Jones, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, or sent by email to Jessica Range, the CEQA Coordinator for this project, at jessica.range@sfgov.org. Referenced materials are available for review by appointment at the Planning Department's office on the fourth floor of 1650 Mission Street. (Call (415) 575-9018).

If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or a Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering a permit or other approval for this project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, please contact **Jessica Range** at **(415) 575-9018**.