

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION & SCOPING MEETINGS

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14,

Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The City of Pasadena is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We request the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

**AGENCIES:** The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with implementation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan

··- City Boundary

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Along each side of Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena, CA from the Lincoln Avenue undercrossing under Interstate 210 (I-210) on the south to the north City boundary. The 50.16-acre Specific Plan Area is mostly one parcel wide on each side of Lincoln Avenue. See Figure 1 for a vicinity map.

Pasadena

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Washington Blvd

Hammond St

Mountain St

Mountain St

Orange Grove Blvd

Figure 1 - Vicinity Map



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**DESCRIPTION:** The Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan and zone change proposes to change land uses as well as establish new development standards within the Lincoln corridor. The specific plan proposes to gradually convert existing industrial and auto-related land uses to a neighborhood-serving retail/commercial district. Build-out of the project would allow up to an additional 500,000 square feet of commercial/office/retail uses and 91 additional residential units. Mixed-use opportunities (commercial/residential) would also be introduced along the corridor. Additionally, two Opportunity Sites are identified in the Specific Plan that are underutilized and have the potential for redevelopment.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives. The topic areas to be discussed in the EIR are Aesthetics, Air Quality, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems impacts.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The City has determined to make this Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The comment period for the NOP begins April 25, 2012 and ends on May 25, 2012.

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to: Laura Dahl, Senior Planner; Phone: (626) 744-6767; E-mail: Idahl@cityofpasadena.net; Mailing Address: Planning Department, 175 N. Garfield Avenue Pasadena, CA 91109; Website: www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning.

**SCOPING MEETINGS:** Two scoping meetings will be held to receive comments on the above proposed Lincoln Avenue Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The first scoping session will be discussed at the Planning Commission and the second scoping session will be conducted at the Northwest Commission meeting. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR. The meetings are scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

City Hall, Room S-249 100 North Garfield Avenue

Date: Thursday, May 24, 2012

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

Place: Jackie Robinson Center

1020 N. Fair Oaks Avenue Pasadena, CA 91103

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The draft Initial Study is available for public review at the locations listed below. The materials are available for review during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Planning Department address listed above and the Central Library at 285 E. Walnut Avenue. The Initial Study can be viewed on the City of Pasadena website at the following address (URL): www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning/environmental/Environmental\_Home.asp.

If you require additional information please contact: Laura Dahl, Senior Planner; Phone: (626) 744-6767 or submit questions and comments by email to <a href="mailto:ldahl@cityofpasadena.net">ldahl@cityofpasadena.net</a>.