



NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A DEIR & NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING

880-940 East Colorado Boulevard

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and upcoming scoping meetings in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082 (a) and (c) 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.

RESPONSIBLE & TRUSTEE 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). 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. The City requests your comments within 30 days of the receipt of this notice.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with the proposed project within 30 days of the receipt of this notice.

PROJECT TITLE: Conditional Use Permit #5209

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located at **880-940 East Colorado Boulevard** in the City of Pasadena. The site is bounded by East Colorado Boulevard on the north, South Lake Avenue to the west, Mentor Avenue to the east, and existing commercial development to the south.

Regional access to the project site is provided by Interstate 210 (I-210, Foothill Freeway) located approximately 0.3 miles to the north, State Route 19 (SR 9, Rosemead Boulevard) located approximately 2 miles to the east, and State Route 110 (SR 110, Pasadena Freeway) located approximately 2.0 miles to the southwest.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Singpoli Pacifica, the developer, proposes a new, three-phased, mixed-use development on the south side of E. Colorado Boulevard between South Lake Avenue and South Mentor Avenue. The project proposes to redevelop the 1.9 acre site by establishing a new hotel in a newly constructed space as well as the reuse of an existing building, constructing a new office building and retail shops, and constructing a new subterranean parking garage to be used by the new development. The project would also include five residential condominiums. The total square footage of all buildings would be approximately 252,000 square feet. A total of 795 parking spaces will be provided for the project. The majority of the spaces will be located in a subterranean parking garage. One existing building, the Constance Hotel structure at the corner of South Mentor Avenue and East Colorado Boulevard, which is currently vacant, is a designated City landmark. It would be renovated for use as a new hotel on the project site. The other buildings on the site would be demolished.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The areas expected to be potentially significantly impacted are Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources (Historic Resources), Noise, Transportation, Water Supply, and Utilities and Services Systems (Sewer Capacity). An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives.

COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

John Steinmeyer, Senior Planner
City of Pasadena
Planning and Development Department
175 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101-1704

The comment period is from May 13, 2009 to June 12, 2008.

SCOPING MEETINGS: The City will hold two scoping meetings for the EIR. You are welcome to attend and present information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR. The two meetings are scheduled for:

Planning Commission
Wednesday, May 27, 2009
City Hall
100 N. Garfield Avenue
City Council Chambers, Room S-249
6:15 P.M.

Hearing Officer
Wednesday, June 3, 2009
Hale Building
Permit Center Hearing Room
175 N. Garfield Avenue
(Enter at the Ramona Street side entrance)
6:00 P.M.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The materials are available for review during regular business hours (M-TH 8-5, Fridays 8-12) at the City of Pasadena, Department of Planning and Development.

The Initial Study is also available at the the Central Library at 285 East Walnut Avenue and for review on the Internet at the City's website at:
www.cityofpasadena.net/planning/environmental/Environmental_Home.asp.

If you require additional information please contact John Steinmeyer, Senior Planner, at (626) 744-6880 or submit comments by fax at (626) 396-7626 or e-mail at jsteinmeyer@cityofpasadena.net.

