
PREFACE TO FINAL EIR

This Final EIR has been prepared for the 16 E. California Project in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Section 15132 of the State CEQA Guidelines requires that a Final EIR contain the following:

1. The Draft EIR or a revision of the draft.
2. Comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR either verbatim or in summary.
3. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR.
4. The responses of the Lead Agency to significant environmental points raised in the review and consultation process.
5. Any other information added by the Lead Agency.

The Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and the responses to these comments collectively comprise the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed project. The Draft EIR and Technical Appendices were circulated for a 45-day public review period from on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 to Friday, May 1, 2009. At a meeting held on Thursday April 2, 2009 the City Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and commented on the Draft EIR and also received comments from the public. The Draft EIR was also reviewed at a meeting held by the City Historic Preservation Commission on April 6, 2009. Comments on the Draft EIR were received at a public hearing held by the Hearing Officer on Wednesday April 15, 2009. And, on Wednesday April 22, 2009 the City Planning Commission reviewed and commented on the Draft EIR and received comments from the public as well.

This Final EIR incorporates the Draft EIR, changes and additions to the Draft EIR based on comments received during the public review period, as well as edits to the document made to further clarify information presented. As such, revisions are shown using revision mode text (i.e., deletions are shown with ~~striketrough~~ and additions are shown with underline). None of the changes made to the Draft EIR affect conclusions regarding the level of significance of environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIR.

Pursuant to Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Pasadena, as the Lead Agency, has reviewed all comments received during the public comment period for the Draft EIR. Comment letters, as well as comments received at City meetings and at a public hearing held on the Draft EIR are presented in Section VII., Comments and Responses, of this Final EIR,

along with City responses. A matrix listing the individuals and agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, and corresponding environmental issues raised, is provided beginning on page VII-2 of this document. Issues identified in the matrix as “Other” relate to non-CEQA issues or issues that do not address the content of the Draft EIR, such as comments expressing general support or opposition to the project.

This Final EIR also includes a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), provided in Section VIII of this document. The MMRP, which provides the mitigation program that will be adopted by the City pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081.6, will ensure that if the project is developed, all recommended mitigation measures are implemented, thereby minimizing identified environmental effects.