



EIR SCOPING MEETING

June 8, 2017

PURPOSE OF SCOPING MEETING

Receive comments from the public, organizations, and interested public agencies on issues the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should address



PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- EIR Scoping Session
 - What is an EIR?
 - The EIR Process
 - Key Environmental Issues
- Next Steps
- Comment Period

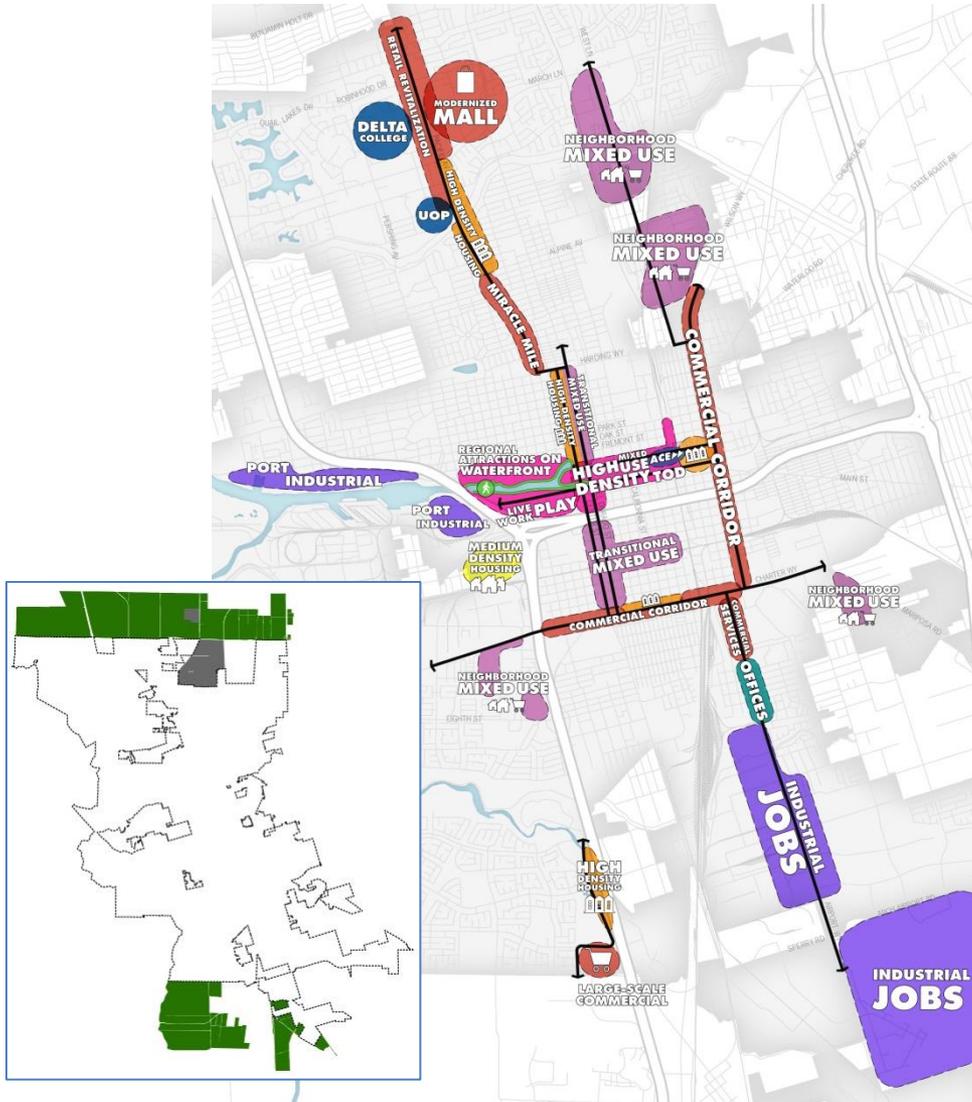


WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?

- “Constitution” for Growth and Development
 - Establishes citywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and actions
 - Provides consistent direction for future development
 - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
 - Documents baseline environmental conditions



LAND USE DIAGRAM



- General Plan establishes land use designations throughout the city
- Infrastructure planning based on draft land use diagram
- EIR covers associated Utility Master Plan Supplements

CEQA OVERVIEW

- The California Environmental Quality Act (**CEQA**) is the State's primary environmental protection law
- CEQA requires that public agencies disclose environmental impacts of projects that have a potential *physical effect* on the environment

WHAT IS AN EIR?

- **An informational document**
 - Discloses information about the effects of a proposed project could have on the environment
 - Identifies mitigation measures
 - Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project
- **Legal Requirement**
 - Must be certified prior to General Plan adoption

PROGRAM-LEVEL EIR

- Appropriate when a “CEQA project” consists of a series of actions related to the issuance of rules, regulations, and other planning criteria (CEQA Guidelines Section 15168)
- Does not evaluate the impacts of specific, individual future development projects that may occur following adoption of the General Plan

THE EIR PROCESS

As mandated by
State Law



= Current phase



= Opportunities for Public Input

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation
- Utilities and Service Systems

NEXT STEPS

- **May 24 to June 23:** Notice of Preparation and scoping comment period
- **June 8 (today):** Scoping meeting to receive public comments
- **Summer 2017:** Preparation of Draft EIR
- **Fall/Winter 2017:** 45-day public review period
- **Winter 2017:** Response to comments and Final EIR
- **Spring 2018:** Planning Commission and City Council adoption and certification hearings

SCOPING COMMENTS

- Receive public comments on:
 - Technical issues to address in the EIR
 - Appropriate range of alternatives to evaluate in the EIR
- Comments should focus on the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project
 - “The EIR should analyze _____”

SUBMIT SCOPING COMMENTS

Submit Comments by 5pm **Friday, June 23, 2017** by:

- Speaking at tonight's meeting
- Mail to:
 - David Stagnaro, Planning Manager
 - Community Development Department
 - 425 North El Dorado Street
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- Email to: David.Stagnaro@stocktonca.gov
 - Subject line: "Envision Stockton EIR"

