



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TOWN OF ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Environmental Impact (EIR) for the Town of Atherton Civic Center Master Plan

LEAD AGENCY/SPONSOR: Town of Atherton Planning Department

PROJECT TITLE: Civic Center Master Plan EIR

PROJECT LOCATION

The Town of Atherton is bordered by Redwood City to the north, Menlo Park to the south, and the Town of Woodside to the west. The Civic Center Master Plan site is bound by the Caltrain rail corridor to the east across Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Maple Avenue to the south and Fair Oaks Lane to the north. El Camino Real runs north to south, to the west of the Project site.

The site is comprised of 6 parcels; APNs 060321130, 060321170, 060321010, 060321160, 060323180, 060323010.

The site currently has approximately 24,000 square feet of existing facilities, which include the Town Administrative Building, Council Chambers, Library, Permit Center trailers, and Public Works office building and Corporation yard. The site is currently designated by the Town Atherton General Plan for Public Facility use, and is zoned Public Facilities (PFS). The site is bound by the Atherton Caltrain Station to the north, Ashfield Road to the east, large lot single-family homes to the south, and Fair Oaks Lane to the west. In general, surrounding land uses include single-family homes located to the north, east, west and south of the site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project would include demolition of several existing structures, and clearing of some existing vegetation, including removal of heritage trees.

The Project proposes construction of approximately 36,000 square feet of new facilities, including retaining approximately 2,000 square feet of existing storage space in the Public

Works Yard and the approximately 1,696 square foot Council Chambers building. Proposed facilities would replace the existing City Administrative building, Police Building, and Library. The proposed Library would be located to the south end of the site and accessible from Station Lane, and the Town Hall and Public Works would remain in their existing locations.

Additionally, the Project proposes a pedestrian green space, such as spaces and courtyards between the proposed Library and Town Hall, as well as a pedestrian and bicycle circulation system throughout the Project site. Further, Project improvements to the vehicular circulation would connect Ashfield Road, Maple Lane, and Fair Oaks Lane.

Consistent with Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines a project-level EIR will be prepared to analyze the potential impacts of constructing and operating the Civic Center Master Plan project.

REPORT AVAILABILITY:

This is to certify that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the project listed above has been prepared by the Town of Atherton Planning Department. The DEIR may be found on the Town of Atherton website at: <http://ca-atherton.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=290> and copies may be reviewed at the Town Administrative Building and Permit Center at 91 Ashfield Road, Atherton and the Town Library at 2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane, Atherton.

PUBLIC REVIEW:

The public review period for this project will be 60 days. The public review period for the Draft EIR starts on April 24, 2015 and continues through June 22, 2015. Comments related to the DEIR should be directed to:

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(please mention “Comments on Civic Center Master Plan Draft EIR” in the subject line)**

All written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2015.

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on the Draft EIR or on the public hearing process, please contact the following planning staff at the Town of Atherton Planning Department: Lisa Costa Sanders at (650) 752-0500 or by e-mail at lcostasanders@ci.atherton.ca.us.