

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND COMPLETION
OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
UPDATE (SCH#2014052101)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared to assess the environmental impacts of the following project:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

LEAD AGENCY: City of Palo Alto, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301

Project Description:

The Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan is the City's governing document for land use and development decisions. The City is undertaking a Comprehensive Plan Update in order to establish a shared vision for the future of the community through to the year 2030. The Project will update Plan goals, policies, programs, narrative, maps and diagrams. Given the long-term horizon of the proposed Plan and the permitting, planning and development actions that are related both geographically and as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions for implementation, a draft EIR has been prepared as a program EIR, pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines.

A Draft Program EIR was published on February 5, 2016 for a 90-day comment period that was subsequently extended to 124 days (ending June 8, 2016). The Program EIR analyzed four planning scenarios at an equal level of detail within the body of the Draft EIR, thereby illuminating potential environmental impacts of a range of alternatives designed to address the proposed Plan objectives. Scenario 1 is a "Business as Usual" scenario and assumes the proposed Plan would not be adopted, and change and development in Palo Alto through 2030 would occur under the existing Comp Plan. Scenarios 2, 3, and 4 each include different strategies related to the pace of non-residential development and job growth, the placement of housing sites and densities, desired transportation investments, and sustainability measures. In early 2016, the City Council directed City staff to analyze two additional scenarios to broaden the range of potential outcomes and provide additional information to inform the planning process. This Supplement to the Draft EIR has been prepared to assess the two additional scenarios, called Scenarios 5 and 6. Scenario 5 would lower job growth below current projections and allow a modest increase in housing in an effort to improve the City's jobs-to-employed-residents ratio. Scenario 6 would also lower job growth below current projection and allow robust increase in housing in an effort to address issues of housing affordability and supply in the City and improve the City's jobs-to-employed-residents ratio.

Probable Environmental Effects of the Project:

The EIR will evaluate potentially significant environmental impacts associated with the adoption and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan Update, consistent with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project will have potentially significant environmental effects with regard to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, Land Use, Public Services and Recreation, Transportation and Traffic, Noise, Utilities and Service Systems, Cultural Resources, and Hydrology and Water Quality. CEQA requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. This is a citywide project, and there are sites within the city that are contained in the Cortese List of toxic sites.

The Draft EIR is on file and may be reviewed at the Palo Alto Planning Division, 250 Hamilton Avenue, 5th floor, during business hours. The EIR will also be available for review on the City's project website-- <http://www.paloaltocomplan.org>, and at the following public libraries: Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303, and Palo Alto Downtown Library, 270 Forest Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

The public review for this Supplement to the Draft EIR begins on February 10, 2017 and ends on March 31, 2017. If you wish to provide written comments on the Supplement or the Draft EIR, please submit these to Elena Lee, Department of Planning and Community Environment, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, or Elena.Lee@CityofPaloAlto.org, no later than **March 31, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.** During the public review period, both the Planning & Transportation Commission and the City Council will hold public meetings to take public testimony on the Draft EIR. The public meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. (Planning & Transportation Commission) and March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (City Council). Both meetings will occur in the Council Chambers, 1st Floor City Hall, 250 Hamilton Avenue and all persons may appear and be heard at these meetings. Substantive public comments received at these meetings and in writing will be responded to in a Final EIR before there is any decision to adopt The Comprehensive Plan Update. Members of the public are also encouraged to attend meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee to offer their comments and suggestions regarding the development of policy language for the updated plan. Visit PaloAltoCompPlan.org for more information.

If any person challenges this item in court, that person may be limited to raising only those issues the person or someone else raised at the public hearings described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at, or prior to, the public hearings. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, those requiring accommodation for these meetings should notify the City of Palo Alto 24 hours prior to the meetings at (650) 329-2496.

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