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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
THE NAPA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN CIRCULATION ELEMENT AND
NAPA VALLEY BUSINESS PARK SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE # 2005102088)**

Date: October 25, 2018
To: Agencies and Interested Parties
From: Napa County Planning, Building, and Environmental Services Department

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*) and Section 15163 of the State CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*), the Napa County Planning Division has completed a Supplement to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified for the Napa County General Plan Update (2008). The Supplement to the EIR analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the County’s proposed amendments of its General Plan Circulation Element and Napa Valley Business Park Specific Plan. Together, the amendments update local transportation system information and incorporate current trends, best practices, and regulatory changes in the planning and impact analysis of transportation networks throughout Napa County (County).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In April 2018, in accordance with direction from the County Board of Supervisors, the Napa County Planning Division made available for public comment a Draft Circulation Element amendment. In the Draft Circulation Element, demographic data and observed transportation trends were updated from those of the adopted General Plan Circulation Element, using 2015 data from the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 data derived from the local Travel Behavior Study commissioned by the Napa Valley Transportation Authority. The text of the document was also re-organized to place the goals in one location ahead of the policies and action items, and to cluster policies with similar themes together.

In general, the revised text in the Draft Circulation Element reflects the recent shift in transportation planning principles, wherein less emphasis is placed on expanding the roadway network to optimize automobile movement. Instead, emphasis is placed on maintaining the existing system; ensuring adequate and safe transportation options for all users, regardless of income level, age or

physical ability; and enhancing the efficiency of the transportation network by reducing single-occupant automobile trips. Cascading benefits of reduced vehicle trips include improvements in air quality and public health, as air pollutants from vehicle emissions are reduced and people are provided better opportunities to utilize more active transportation options (walking and bicycling).

Concurrently with the update of the General Plan Circulation Element, the County is considering amendment to the Napa Valley Business Park Specific Plan (Specific Plan) Circulation Element. As described in Government Code Section 65450, a jurisdiction may “prepare specific plans for the systematic implementation of the general plan for all or part of the area covered by the general plan.” The boundaries of the Specific Plan generally are located south of the intersection of State Routes (SR) 12/29 & 221, north of Green Island Road and the City of American Canyon, and west of both North and South Kelly Road. The Specific Plan designates Devlin Road as the industrial park’s primary north-south arterial thoroughfare; Devlin Road is a surface street located west of SR 29, extending from Soscol Ferry Road southward to Green Island Road within the City of American Canyon. Under the current Specific Plan adopted in 1986, as subsequently amended, the Devlin Road right-of-way is planned as a three-lane road south of Airport Boulevard, and four-lane road north of Airport Boulevard, with sidewalks on each side of the street and two-foot wide, on-street bike lanes.

The Specific Plan amendment would modify the originally-planned cross-section of Devlin Road. Under the proposed amendment, on-street bike lanes would remain, but the planned sidewalk on one side of the road would be replaced with an off-street, class 1 multi-use path. In addition, north of Sheehy Court to Soscol Ferry Road, the four-lane configuration without protected left-turn pockets would be replaced with a three-lane configuration incorporating one northbound lane, one southbound lane, and a center, two-way left turn lane. Planned right-of-way widths would not increase, and less required right-of-way width would be necessary for some portions of the road. The revised improvement plan would retain the existing Devlin Road bridge over Soscol Creek in its two-lane configuration, eliminating the originally planned expansion to four lanes in that location.

The proposed project would apply goals and policies to transportation facilities throughout Napa County and is not a site-specific development that would be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The proposed project is not anticipated to have new or more severe environmental impacts as compared to the adopted General Plan and Specific Plan. As explained in the Supplement to the EIR, the currently proposed General Plan Draft Circulation Element and proposed Specific Plan amendment are consistent with regional and State goals to promote alternative and active modes of transportation, and project impacts to the transportation system level of service are not worse than projected at the time that the prior environmental analysis was conducted for the General Plan Update (2008). Adopted mitigation measures of the General Plan EIR (2008) are either retained or replaced with equally or more effective measures, which are manifested as revised and enhanced policies in the Draft Circulation Element of the General Plan and a change to the already planned network improvement identified in the Specific Plan. With no new or more severe environmental impacts associated with this project, therefore, no new analysis is necessary, and preparation of a Supplement to the General Plan EIR (2008) is sufficient to meet the requirements of CEQA for the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Paper copies of the Supplement to the EIR will be provided for public review at the following locations:

Napa County Planning, Building, and
Environmental Services Department
1195 Third Street, Suite 201
Napa, CA

American Canyon Library
300 Crawford Way
American Canyon, CA

Calistoga Library
1108 Myrtle Street
Calistoga, CA

Napa Main Library
580 Coombs Street
Napa, CA

St. Helena Public Library
1492 Library Lane
St. Helena, CA

Yountville Library
6516 Washington Street
Yountville, CA

The Supplement to the EIR and certified General Plan EIR (2008) can also be downloaded for public review from the Napa County website via the following link:

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/2398/11295/Circulation-Element-Update>.

PROVIDING COMMENTS

The public comment period for the Supplement to the EIR begins on October 29, 2018, and closes on December 12, 2018. Please submit written comments on the Supplement to the EIR in person, by first class mail, facsimile or email to:

Napa County Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department
1195 Third Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 210
Napa, CA 94559
Attention: Dana Ayers, Project Planner

Telephone: (707) 253-4388 Fax: (707) 299-4320
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All comments must be received by the Planning, Building and Environmental Services Department no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 12, 2018. Comments provided by email should include "Circulation Element and Specific Plan Amendments Supplemental EIR Comment" in the subject line, and the name and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Napa County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the Supplement to the EIR, public and agency comments received thereon, as well as, a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the proposed General Plan Circulation Element and Specific Plan amendments. The meeting time and location are as follows:

December 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.
Board of Supervisors' Room
1195 Third Street, 3rd Floor
Napa, CA 94559

The meeting space is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals needing special assistive devices will be accommodated to the County's best ability. For more information, please contact Dana Ayers (at the contact information above) at least 48 hours before the meeting.