



**CITY OF ENCINITAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
LEGAL NOTICE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Draft EIR Public Review and Comment Period: December 2, 2016 to January 16, 2017

Notice is hereby given that a 45-day public review and comment period has been established pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which has been prepared for the proposed Project as identified below, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15087:

PROJECT NAME: North Coast Highway 101 Streetscape Improvement Project

CASE NUMBER: 10-035 DR/CDP and 10-036 GPA/SPA/LCPA

APPLICANT: City of Encinitas, Public Works Department

LOCATION: North Coast Highway 101 between La Costa Avenue and A Street, within the community of Leucadia, City of Encinitas, California

DESCRIPTION:

The Project encompasses improvements to North Coast Highway 101 between La Costa Avenue and A Street with project goals including, but not limited to: Increase walkability through expanded sidewalks, pedestrian facilities, and safe pedestrian crossings; Increase the bicycle facilities available along the corridor with added and enhanced bike lanes and shared vehicle/bicycle lanes; Preserve and restore the tree canopy by replacing trees posing a safety hazard with new trees, adding hundreds of new trees, and focusing on a native and drought-tolerant landscape palette; Provide street beautification measures with enhanced pavement treatments, street furniture, and opportunities for public art; Respect and enhance the community character along the corridor; Construct appropriate traffic controls and traffic calming measures, such as roundabouts; Implement road diet measures by decreasing travel lane number/width; Reduce traffic speeds to 30 miles per hour; Minimize cut-through traffic on North Coast Highway 101; Implement measures to improve vehicular, bike, and pedestrian safety at side street intersections; Provide additional parking spaces, including more efficient reverse angle on-street parking and parking at designated improved areas in NCTD right-of-way; Provide for appropriately-located and accessibly-designed bus stops and bus pull-outs to maximize ridership; Improve existing drainage and storm water quality by implementing low-impact design measures and sustainable Green Streets concepts including infiltration, biofiltration, and water storage areas; and Encourage greater business opportunities for shopping and entertainment and provide more gathering destinations for local residents. The EIR will be used in the City's consideration of discretionary actions, including approval of a General Plan Amendment, Local Coastal Plan Amendment, North 101 Specific Plan Amendment, Design Review Permit, and Coastal Development Permit.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ANTICIPATED AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT:

The Draft EIR concludes that the Project would result in significant unavoidable impacts for emergency services (fire protection and police protection) and traffic circulation.

REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD:

45-day public review and comment period has been established from **December 2, 2016 to January 16, 2017**. All written comments submitted on the Draft EIR shall be clearly itemized and focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing potential environmental impacts and ways in which the Project's significant effects may be avoided or mitigated. All written comments must be submitted by **6:00 p.m. on January 16, 2017** to: Stephanie Kellar, Public Works Department, City of Encinitas, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024.

During the public review period, the Draft EIR will be available for review on the City's website at www.EncinitasCA.gov/index.aspx?page=284 under "Environmental Notices" and at the Planning and Building Department, City of Encinitas, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, CA 92024. The Draft EIR, supporting documents, and project application may be reviewed or purchased for the cost of reproduction at the Encinitas Planning and Building Department.

After the close of the 45-day public review and comment period, responses to public comments will be prepared and included in the Final EIR. The Planning Commission and City Council will utilize the Final EIR as an informational resource during their deliberations related to the Project.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

For additional project information, contact Stephanie Kellar, Project Manager at (760) 633-2839.

