Envision PALMDALE 2045

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Meeting June 30, 2021

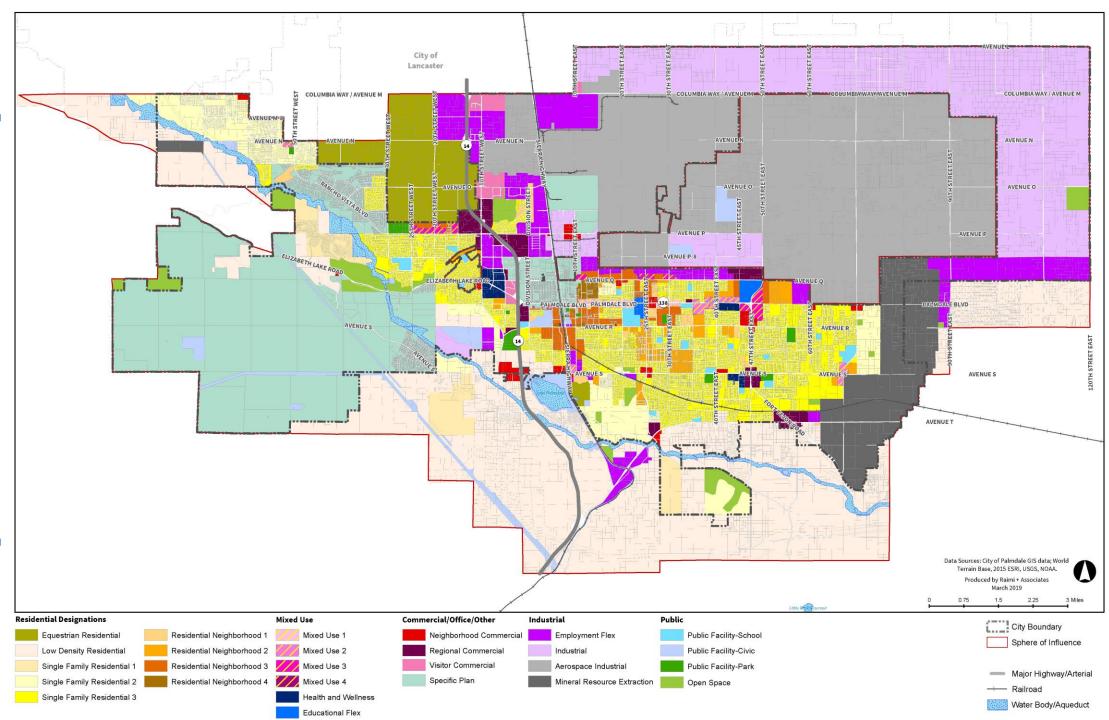
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Purpose of a Scoping Meeting

- Inform the community and interested agencies about the proposed project
- Inform the community about the EIR process and solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- Inform the community and interested agencies about future opportunities for input
- Scoping period: June 23rd July 23rd



Map Land Use **Proposed**



Project Overview

- Palmdale 2045 is a three-plus-year comprehensive update to the City's General Plan, the guiding document for the future of Palmdale over 25 years (2020-2045)
- The General Plan serves as the "blueprint" for future development and conservation of a community



Project Overview

- The following actions will also be taken by the City of Palmdale in connection with the General Plan Update and are also considered part of the proposed project to be analyzed in the EIR:
 - Adoption and implementation of the General Plan Update (Palmdale 2045)
 - Adoption and implementation of the Climate Action Plan
 - Adoption and implementation of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment necessary to ensure consistency with the General Plan Update



CEQA Purpose

- Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions to the public and decision-makers
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental effects through mitigation measures or alternatives
- Enhance public participation in the planning and environmental review process



CEQA Review Process





Notice of Preparation (NOP)

- A NOP is required by CEQA to announce that a lead agency is preparing an EIR
- The NOP facilitates a scoping process to gather stakeholder input on what potential impacts the EIR should consider
- The public review period for the NOP for this project is from <u>June 23</u>, <u>2021 to July 23, 2021</u>



Issues to be Analyzed in the EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- GHG Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning

- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Mandatory Findings of Significance



Other Issues to be Addressed

- Cumulative impacts
- Growth inducing impacts
- Alternatives
 - EIR requires an analysis of a "reasonable range" of alternatives, including the required "No Project" alternative
 - Project alternatives to be determined based on the conclusions reached through the Draft EIR



Preliminary 2021-2022 EIR Schedule

Notice of Preparation

Draft EIR Public Review Period

Response to Comments

Final EIR

Planning Commission

City Council

June – July 2021

Late 2021

Early 2022

Early Spring 2022

Spring 2022

Spring 2022



Public Scoping Period

- NOP Comment period closes July 23, 2021
- The NOP and other project information can be viewed at: https://www.palmdale2045.org/
- Submit Comments
 - Written comments
 - Mail or email comments no later than <u>July 23rd</u> to:

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Thank you!

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