This Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report summarizes the federal grant applications, environmental documents and other information received by SCAG's Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Section during the period January 01 through February 28, 2011. The Clearinghouse Report consists of two sections, Federal Grant Listing and Environmental Documentation Listing.

The Federal Grant Listing is provided to inform your organization of all grant applications for federal assistance from our region in accordance with Executive Order 12372. The listing includes state sponsored plans and project types such as Housing and Community Development, Urban Mass Transit, and Human Services. The Environmental Documentation Listing describes regionally significant and some non-regionally significant facilities (e.g., transportation, wastewater treatment), residential, commercial and industrial projects which have been voluntarily submitted for review by local governments. Environmental documents received include Notices of Preparation, Environmental Impact Reports, Environmental Impact Statements, Negative Declarations and Mitigated Negative Declarations.

A SCAG Project Identification Number organizes project descriptions for both the Federal Grant and Environmental Documentation listings.

IGR CONTACT

To include the interest of your jurisdiction or comment on proposed comprehensive planning, areawide coordination or environmental impacts please contact the IGR Section prior to March 21, 2011. Please send one (1) copy of all environmental documentation. Also, please provide the name and telephone number of the contact person on your transmittal. We may be reached at:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The IGR Section has a web page. The IGR web page includes staff prepared publications describing items and projects received by the IGR Section, and other web sites that may be useful to persons seeking information about how to comply with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines. For more information, please visit SCAG's IGR web page at www.scag.ca.gov/igr.
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EIR: Environmental Impact Report  
EIS: Environmental Impact Statement  
FDG: Federal Grant Application  
FIN: Final Document  
FJD: Final Joint Document  
FON: Finding No Significant Impact  
INS: Initial Study  
JD: Joint Document  
MND: Mitigated Negative Declaration  
NEG: Negative Declaration  
NOP: Notice of Preparation  
OTH: Other Document  
PMT: Permit  
SUB: Subsequent  
SUP: Supplement  

IMP: Imperial County  
LA: Los Angeles County  
OR: Orange County  
RIV: Riverside County  
SB: San Bernardino County  
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MULT: Multiple Counties W/N SCAG  
SNGL: Single County O/S SCAG
No grant applications for federal assistance were received during this period.
Documents Received: January 04, 2011

SCAG ID. No.: I20110001
Document Type: NOP
Project Title: LOSSAN North Rail Corridor Improvements
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: California Department of Transportation (Rail)
City/County/Subregion: County of Los Angeles/**Multi-County/Los Angeles City
Contact: Lea Simpson - (916) 654-7184
Comment Due Date: 1/20/2011

Project Description: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement

The need for LOSSAN North Rail Corridor Improvements is directly related to the expected growth in population and resulting increases in intercity travel demand in California over the next 20 years and beyond. As a result of this growth in travel demand, there will be increases in travel delays from growing congestion on California's highways and at airports. In addition, there will be effects on the economy and quality of life from a transportation system that is less and less reliable as travel demand increases and there being deteriorating air quality in and around our metropolitan areas. The intercity highway system and commercial airports serving the intercity travel market are currently operating at or near capacity, and will require large public investments for maintenance and expansion in order to meet existing demand and future growth. LOSSAN North Rail Corridor Improvements would provide a vastly improved mode of intercity train travel that would link the Los Angeles, Ventura County, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo major metropolitan areas, interfacing with mass transit, and highways; and providing added capacity to help meet increases in intercity travel demand in California in a manner sensitive to and protective of California's unique natural resources.

The Department manages and coordinates intercity rail passenger services in California. Within this role are several major activities including analyzing funding requests and recommending State funding for operating assistance and funding for capital improvement projects. For Southern California, the Department provides operating funds to Amtrak for intercity passenger services, via the coast rail line, extending from San Diego to San Luis Obispo. For the LOSSAN portion of this corridor (between Los Angeles and San Luis Obispo), Amtrak currently operates three daily round-trip trains.

As part of the State's ongoing efforts to improve intercity rail services, the Department contracts with railroads and local agencies to build and improve the rail infrastructure for stations, tracks, signal systems and related rail components. Funding for capital projects has been utilized to increase speeds, replace worn track and structures, add passing sidings and second main track, improving safety and operational efficiencies, and to modernize the rail system. The overall goal is to improve mobility in this congested part of the State by decreasing trip times and improving the rail system in a cost-effective manner.
Documents Received: January 20, 2011

SCAG ID. No.: I20110002
Document Type: EIR
Project Title: La Canada Flintridge General Plan (GPA 05-01)
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: City of La Canada Flintridge
City/County/Subregion: La Canada Flintridge/Los Angeles/Arroyo Verdugo
Contact: Fred Buss - (818) 790-8881
Comment Due Date: 2/21/2011

Project Description: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

La Canada Flintridge is approximately 8.6 square miles in area. It is located approximately 13 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles and 6 miles northeast of Burbank in Los Angeles County. The City is bordered by Pasadena to the east, Glendale to the south, the Angeles National Forest to the north, and unincorporated county areas of La Crescenta and Montrose to the west. It is situated in the La Crescenta Valley along the Interstate 210 corridor between the San Gabriel Mountains to the north and the San Raphael Hills to the south.

The proposed Project is the first comprehensive update since the General Plan was adopted in 1980 following the City's incorporation although individual elements have been updated periodically over the past 27 years. The City is largely built out and new development opportunities are limited; however, initial implementation through 2030 buildout of the Project would include changes to some land use designations, additional traffic, and redevelopment based on new or revised goals, objectives, and policies. The Project is expected to provide planning guidance through 2030 and could lead to a potential increase in population of 2,523 residents, growing from 21,256 to 23,799. Residential and commercial growth will be focused in the downtown area and the proposed Mixed Use land use designations, with limited growth through residential infill in the more established residential neighborhoods. Under the proposed Project, residential dwelling units are projected to increase by an additional 814 units to a total of 7,883 units, while commercial space is expected to expand from approximately 845,696 to 2,100,703 square feet, an increase of approximately 1,355,783 square feet, with the large majority being added as mixed-use commercial. An industrial land use designation is not proposed, nor does one currently exist.

Total Documents Received - January 20, 2011: 1
Subtotal: EIR: 1
Documents Received: February 03, 2011

SCAG ID. No.: I20110003  
Document Type: NOP  
Project Title: San Juan Capistrano Historic Town Center Master Plan  
Reg. Significance: Yes  
Lead Agency: City of San Juan Capistrano  
City/County/Subregion: San Juan Capistrano/Orange/Orange County  
Contact: Karisa Rojas-Norton - (949) 234-4572  
Comment Due Date: 2/11/2011

Project Description:

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The site is generally bounded by Acjachema Street to the north, the San Diego (I-5) Freeway to the east, Avenue La Paloma and existing retail to the south, and the Paseo Adelanto to the west.

The Historic Town Center ("HTC") Project consists of amendments to the HTC Master Plan and the City's General Plan, and adoption of a new form-based Zoning Code covering the roughly 150 acre planning area which is comprised of the following three sub-areas:

* Historic Town Center ("Revitalization" area) - 44 acres  
* Del Obispo Downtown Expansion ("Repositioning" area) - 42 acres  
* Town Center Neighborhoods ("Connectivity" area) - 64 acres

The HTC Master Plan along with the proposed zoning implements the City's Strategic Vision Plan by providing guidance for redevelopment of the Town Center over time. The Strategic Vision Plan, as described in Section 2 of the HTC Master Plan, does not specify the exact development potential of the planning area and allows some flexibility in the Master Plan to account for evolving market conditions. For example, some of the planned/potential "retail" development could become "office" development, and vice versa, while upper floor "office" space could be developed as "residential." The project as described below assumes maximum intensity at buildout with respect to land uses and floor area so as to assure that all potentially significant impacts are identified and disclosed.

In addition to several circulation improvements including the extension of public streets within the planning area, the project would allow for future, potential development of approximately:

- 220,000 sf of additional retail space;  
- 140,000 sf of commercial/office space;  
- 1,200 sf of public/institutional/religious use;  
- 240 residential units  
- 214 hotel rooms; and  
- 40,000 sf of civic use which includes relocating City Hall from its present "commercial manufacturing" location to the downtown.

In order to create a more pedestrian friendly environment and in recognition of the reduced parking demand generally associated with mixed-use town center environments, implementation of a "shared parking/park once" strategy will substantially reduce parking demand in the downtown. A total of 769 net new parking spaces are anticipated to be provided by the updated HTC Master Plan.
Supplemental CEQA Analysis of Reduced Density Proposal to be Incorporated in Final Environmental Impact Report

The Project Applicant, Palmer/Flower Street Properties, LP, proposes to reduce the size of the Project previously described in the Final EIR dated August 2010. The Project as originally proposed would have involved the development of a mixed-use project with a total of approximately 1,400 multi-family residential units (approximately 1,663,061 square feet of residential floor area) and ancillary common area and recreation amenities and proposed retail uses resulting in a total project floor area of approximately 1,762,531 square feet. The Project as originally proposed provided approximately 34,000 square feet of retail uses, including approximately 6,000 square feet of restaurant use.

The Reduced Density Project would involve the development of a mixed-use project with a total of approximately 1,051 multi-family residential units (approximately 1,244,068 square feet of residential floor area) and ancillary common area and recreation amenities and proposed retail uses resulting in a total project floor area of approximately 1,383,068 square feet. The Reduced Density Project would continue to provide approximately 34,000 square feet of retail uses, including approximately 6,000 square feet of restaurant use.
Documents Received: February 04, 2011

SCAG ID. No.: I20110005
Document Type: NOP
Project Title: Great Parks Neighborhoods Revision to the Heritage Fields Project at the Former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro Base
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: City of Irvine
City/County/Subregion: Irvine/Orange/Orange County
Contact: Barry Curtis, AICP - (949) 724-6354
Comment Due Date: 2/25/2011

Project Description:

Notice of Preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Project is located at the former MCAS El Toro Base, Planning Areas 30 and 51. The boundaries of Planning Area 51 generally include the Eastern Transportation Corridor to the west, the Foothill Transportation Corridor to the east, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) rail lines to the south, and Irvine Boulevard and the storm channel near Alton Parkway to the north. Planning Area 51 abuts Planning Areas 30 and 32 to the south, Irvine Spectrum 2 - Planning Area 35 to the east, and Planning Areas 9 and 40 to the west. The boundaries of Planning Area 30 generally include Interstate 5 (Santa Ana Freeway) to the south, the SCRRA rail lines to the north, and the Irvine Spectrum to the east and west (Irvine Spectrum 2 - Planning Area 35 and Irvine Spectrum 3 - Planning Area 32).

The applicant seeks approvals of a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Vesting Tentative Tract Maps, Vesting Tentative Tract Map Amendments and Master Plans in connection with its request to revise its previously approved Heritage Fields/Great Park Neighborhood Project (Approved Project) to include 1,269 density bonus dwelling units granted pursuant to state law, and, in addition, a slight modification to the configuration and the permitted density of the originally approved 3,625 dwelling units and certain changes to the location of already permitted commercial square footage, both of which were previously approved and analyzed in the 2003 Orange County Great Park EIR (SCH #2002101020) and subsequent Addenda. The SEIR will discuss any environmental impacts caused by these changes above and beyond those analyzed in the previous EIR and subsequent Addenda, if any.

Total Documents Received - February 04, 2011: 1
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SCAG ID. No.: I20110006
Document Type: EIR
Project Title: City of Murrieta General Plan Update
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: City of Murrieta
City/County/Subregion: Murrieta/Riverside/Western Riverside
Contact: Greg Smith - (951) 461-6414
Comment Due Date: 3/24/2011

Project Description: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

The City of Murrieta is located in southeastern Riverside County, and is comprised of 26,852 acres (41.96 square miles) of which 21,511 acres (33.61 square miles) is located within the City Limits and 5,341 acres (8.34 square miles) is located within the City's Sphere of Influence. Surrounding cities include Menifee to the north, Temecula to the south and east, Wildomar to the west, and unincorporated Riverside County to the north, south, and east. The San Diego County border is just south of Temecula, and Orange County lies on the other side of the Santa Ana Mountains to the west. Regional access to the City is provided by the Interstates 15 and 215.

The General Plan 2035 is a comprehensive update of the 1994 General Plan, which includes an update of existing elements, as well as the addition of two elements. The General Plan 2035 comprises the following State mandated and optional elements: Land Use; Economic Development; Circulation; Healthy Community; Conservation; Recreation and Open Space; Air Quality; Noise; and Safety. The Housing Element is being updated in a separate process. In addition, a Climate Action Plan (CAP) is being prepared. The CAP is an implementing action of the General Plan 2035 that describes measures intended to reduce greenhouse emissions within City operations and the community at-large.

Major components of the General Plan 2035 include:
- Update of existing conditions, with year 2009 serving as the baseline year.
- Update of General Plan development projections to the year 2035. Projections for population, residential, and non-residential development have been updated for the projected horizon year.
- Additions, deletions, or modifications to the 1994 General Plan goals, policies, and implementation.
- Update the Land Use Element with reorganized and new land use designations.
- Amendment of the remaining General Plan Elements to reflect current conditions and account for development projections to year 2035.

SCAG ID. No.: I20110007
Document Type: EIR
Project Title: City of Yorba Linda 2008-2014 Housing Element and Implementation Programs
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: City of Yorba Linda
City/County/Subregion: Yorba Linda/Orange/Orange County
Contact: Steven Harris - (714) 961-7130
Comment Due Date: 4/4/2011

Project Description: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report
The City of Yorba Linda is located in northeast Orange County, California. The city is roughly located north of State Route (SR) 91 (Riverside Freeway) and east of SR-57 (Orange Freeway), approximately 38 miles southeast of City of Los Angeles and 12 miles north of City of Santa Ana. Cities adjacent to Yorba Linda include Brea, Placentia, and Anaheim. Regional access to the City of Yorba Linda is provided primarily by SR-91 and 57. The location of the proposed Yorba Linda 2008-2014 Housing Element and Implementation Programs is citywide.

The 2008-2014 Housing Element and Implementation Programs project establishes a framework for how the City intends to satisfy state-mandated affordable housing production requirements outlined in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The RHNA assigns housing unit production quantities for each city in California; Yorba Linda has been assigned a production requirement of 2,039 units distributed across varying income categories. The RHNA represents the minimum number of housing units Yorba Linda is required to plan for in its Housing Element by providing "adequate sites" through general plan and zoning. As the RHNA represents a planning target and not a building quota, so long as the City provides sufficient sites and does not impose constraints to development, the City is not required to construct the 2,039 units and is not penalized for falling short of its RHNA goals. Thus, as proposed, the Housing Element has identified thirteen (13) properties in the City that potentially could be reclassified at residential densities from 10 to 30 dwelling units per acre in order to facilitate future development of multi-family housing.
Documents Received: February 17, 2011

SCAG ID. No.: I20110008
Document Type: EIR
Project Title: The Village at Westfield Topanga
Reg. Significance: Yes
Lead Agency: City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning
City/County/Subregion: Los Angeles/Los Angeles/Los Angeles City
Contact: Elva Nuno-O’Donnell - (818) 374-5066
Comment Due Date: 4/4/2011

Project Description:

Westfield, LLC, the project Applicant, proposes to develop The Village at Westfield Topanga (the project), a mixed-use lifestyle development on approximately 30.67 gross acres of land within the Warner Center area of the City of Los Angeles (City). The project would include uses which qualify as a Regional Shopping Center under the Warner Center Specific Plan, with a blend of shopping and dining, hotel, and office uses as well as potential theater uses. These uses would revitalize an existing underutilized site. The project would specifically include the development of approximately 444,744 square feet of shopping center uses including an approximately 165,759 square foot anchor retailer, which would include an ancillary member-only fueling station, and approximately 278,985 square feet of shopping center retail space. In addition, the project would include a second anchor in the form of a 275-room hotel with ground floor dining and/or retail uses, which would include approximately 193,600 square feet. Also proposed as part of the project, are approximately 53,635 square feet of restaurant uses, an approximately 36,765 square foot grocery store, approximately 285,000 square feet of office uses, and approximately 14,250 square feet of community/cultural center uses.

The project includes an option to convert a portion (approximately 53,900 square feet) of the approximately 278,985 square feet of shopping center retail space to an approximately 2,200 seat movie theater. The project would also include surface parking and multi-level parking facilities providing over 3,000 parking spaces upon full buildout of the project. As part of the project, the existing low-rise commercial buildings on the project site would be removed, with the exception of the existing 34,200 square foot Crate & Barrel building and one 41,480 square foot office building in the northeastern portion of the site, which would remain. The project would be developed in two phases: Phase 1 and Phase 2, which are described in detail below. Buildout of the project is anticipated to be complete in 2016.

The project would incorporate smart growth principles and green building techniques. In addition, the design of the project would create a pedestrian-oriented environment that would include landscaped pedestrian walkways with landscaped pedestrian-oriented open space and streetscape improvements along the streets adjacent to the project site. Overall, the proposed improvements would integrate as well as promote the future vitality of the shopping center uses in and around the site and improve the area as a walkable and transit-oriented community by combining retail commercial, business, lodging, and entertainment opportunities.

The approximately 30.67 gross acre project site is located in the City of Los Angeles within the center area of the western San Fernando Valley, approximately 20 miles northwest of the City’s downtown area and approximately 15 miles north of the Pacific Ocean. The project site is generally bounded by Victory Boulevard to the north, Owensmouth Avenue to the east, Erwin Street to the south, and Topanga Canyon Boulevard to the west. The Ventura Freeway (US-101 Freeway) as well as a network of major roadways including Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Victory Boulevard,
Canoga Avenue, and Ventura Boulevard provide regional and local access to the project site. Immediate site access is afforded via driveways along each of the streets bounding the project site.

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