



Date: February 14, 2018

To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *PLW*

From: Tom Modica, Interim Director of Development Services *T.M.*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (for C-17 site and surroundings)**

In December 2015, Boeing Corporation (Boeing) closed the C-17 Globemaster III final assembly facility in Long Beach. The C-17 Globemaster III, a large military transport aircraft, was developed for the United States Air Force (Air Force) and had been in production at the Boeing facility in Long Beach since the first aircraft was completed in 1991. The closure followed a statement, released by Boeing in September 2013, that the company had completed their contract with the Air Force and would discontinue production of the C-17 aircraft.

The closure of the C-17 facility leaves vacant a distinctive site that includes a 1.1 million-square-foot enclosed aerospace manufacturing building directly adjacent to Long Beach Airport. The size and positioning of the facility creates a unique opportunity for the City of Long Beach (City) to strengthen the region's industry clusters by attracting a high volume of compatible economic activity to the site.

In 2015, the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment awarded the City a Defense Industry Adjustment grant, administered by Pacific Gateway staff, to implement a comprehensive economic transition program, supported by Development Services Planning Bureau staff. Work under the grant was focused on ensuring the region can retain its regional skills base, competitiveness, and sector expertise. The grant resulted in the design of the C-17 Transition Program, which included the following three components:

1. **Economic Development Planning:** To adjust effectively to the impact of the Boeing facility closure and to identify opportunities to advance the site, the supply chain and the regional cluster.
2. **Land Use and Infrastructure Planning:** To assess the existing conditions of the C-17 facilities, and develop conceptual reuses with the goal of ensuring compatibility with future economic development strategies.
3. **Assistance to Impacted Firms and Workers:** To establish a Boeing and defense dislocated worker case management tracking platform that incorporates customized training modules and provides direct assistance to impacted suppliers.

In 2016, Pacific Gateway completed Phase 1 of the C-17 Transition Master Plan, which consisted of Economic Development Planning, and Land Use and Infrastructure Planning.

The Phase 1 report can be found at:
<http://www.pacific-gateway.org/C17/C-17%20Transition%20Master%20Plan.pdf>.

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In November 2017, Pacific Gateway, again supported by Planning Bureau staff, commenced Phase 2 of the C-17 Transition Master Plan to refine the economic, land use, and infrastructure analyses performed in Phase 1. Planning Bureau staff has been tasked with preparing a comprehensive planning strategy that addresses the long-term reuse of the C-17 site, as well as establishing updated zoning and development regulations for the site and surrounding areas, generally along the Cherry Avenue corridor. These efforts include preparation of a Specific Plan, which is being referred to as the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (GCSP), as well as an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at the programmatic level so as to facilitate overall environmental clearances for a broad range of future development projects.

The GCSP will provide a framework for the reuse of the former Boeing C-17 site and surrounding commercial/industrial corridors (no residential areas are included). The GCSP will provide a vision and guiding principles, a land use plan, development regulations, and design guidelines to direct future development within the Plan Area. Each of these components will be prepared with the participation of the community and stakeholders.

The first community/stakeholder workshop will be held on February 28, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Hughes Middle School, in the cafeteria dining room, located at 3846 California Avenue (approximately half mile west of Bixby Road/Cherry Avenue intersection).

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Linda F. Tatum, Planning Bureau Manager, at (562) 570-6261 or linda.tatum@longbeach.gov.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan

Please join us for a community workshop to continue planning the future of the C-17 manufacturing site, and the surrounding commercial/industrial corridors in Long Beach!

Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 6:00–8:00 pm

Hughes Middle School cafeteria

3846 California Avenue, Long Beach

Focus of the Workshop:

- To gain community input on the beginning of the process of developing the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan.

To RSVP and for more information, please visit

<https://goo.gl/y24UZ2>



For more information, please call Scott Kinsey or Craig Chalfant at (562) 570-6194.

This workshop is part of a broader effort funded by the U.S. Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive transition plan for the C-17 site, the impacted workforce, and the regional economy following the closure of the C-17 manufacturing plant.

We look forward to seeing you!

