



CITY OF LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

In conformance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Notice is hereby given that the City of Long Beach, Lead Agency for the purposes of CEQA, proposes to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND 01-16) for the project described below:

Review Period during which the Lead Agency will receive comments on Negative Declaration ND 01-16

Starting Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Ending Date: Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Project Title

City of Long Beach Downtown and TOD Pedestrian Master Plan

Project Location

City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, California. The study area is divided into three major districts, roughly along the Blue Line light rail between Interstate 405 and the Harbor. The proposed project includes a list of high priority projects that strikes a balance between the Wardlow, Midtown and Downtown Districts.

Wardlow District: The Wardlow and Will Blue Line station areas are home to a high concentration of seniors and disconnected streets that terminate at the Blue Line. An underutilized Metro right-of-way presents an opportunity to better connect pedestrians at both stations.

Midtown District: Anaheim Street and Pacific Coast Highway, each with a Blue Line station at Long Beach Boulevard, are major corridors with high levels of traffic and a high incidence of pedestrian collisions.

Downtown Districts: The Downtown district boundary is largely drawn from the City of Long Beach, which includes four sub-districts: North Pine, East Village, West End, and the Downtown Core. This District encompasses four Blue Line stations at 1st Street, the Transit Gallery, Pacific, and 5th Street.

Project Description

As an amendment to the adopted Mobility Element of the City's General Plan, the proposed Downtown and TOD Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) is intended to provide policies, guidelines and standards to ensure that all capital projects incorporate best practices for pedestrian design. The PMP identifies high priority catalytic infrastructure investments that the City of Long Beach

can implement over the next 15 years. The PMP will be consistent with, and further define, the Downtown Plan and Pedestrian Priority Areas identified in the Mobility Element. The PMP will work as a model or framework for the rest of the City. It will include a list of capital improvement projects so the City can pursue funding. It will include short-term (detailed), mid-term and long-term projects along with cost estimates for the short-term projects to assist in the grant process funding. The PMP will give guidance to the City's Public Works Department for urban design issues.

Copies of the Negative Declaration and all referenced documents are available for public review by contacting the Planning Bureau staff member shown below or on the internet at:

http://www.lbds.info/planning/environmental_planning/environmental_reports.asp

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Long Beach Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802

The project study area has not been identified on any list as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Negative Declaration ND 01-16 has determined that no significant impacts would occur to any resource areas as a result of this project.

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