



**CITY OF MILPITAS
NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING
MILPITAS METRO SPECIFIC PLAN
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
MEETING AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 3:00 PM
via TELECONFERENCE (Zoom Webinar)**

Meeting shall be livestreamed - Go to:

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Register for this September 30 Meeting here:

https://ci-milpitas-ca-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CH5iYHelQNK1-wbC36Kb_g

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A Zoom link will be sent to you to join the meeting and make verbal comments. All registered meeting attendees who wish to speak must click on the “Raise Hand” icon when the facilitator calls for public comments. If participating by phone, dial *9 to use the “Raise Hand” feature, and when you are called upon, dial *6 to unmute your phone. Your phone number will be displayed in the live meeting. Staff will call upon speakers by name when it is their turn to begin. Please listen for your name to be called.

All comments provided shall be limited to three minutes or less as determined by the facilitator. All members of the public will be limited to one comment.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- City of Milpitas, Planning Department
 - Ned Thomas, Director of Planning
 - Kevin Riley, Milpitas Metro Specific Plan Manager
- CEQA and Specific Plan Consultants
 - Christina Paul, M-Group, Principal Planner
 - Jane Lin, Urban Field Studio, Founding Partner
 - Heidi Mekkelson, ICF, CEQA Project Director
 - Leo Mena, ICF, CEQA Project Manager
 - Mark Spencer, W-Trans, Transportation Senior Principal
 - Barry Bergman, W-Trans, Transportation Senior Planner

II. PURPOSE OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) marks the official start of the environmental review process for the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of the NOP and the scoping meeting is to inform community and agencies about the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan and the CEQA process; solicit input from agencies and member of

the public and help frame the scope of the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), including the environmental issues that the SEIR should address.

III. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

CEQA is a California statute that informs the community and decision-makers about potential environmental impacts of a project; engages the community in environmental review process; discloses potential project impacts on the environment; and avoids or reduces potential project impacts with alternatives and mitigation measures. The process for this SEIR includes: determining whether the Project is subject to CEQA; determining whether the Project falls within the scope of the previously Certified EIR (described below); preparation of a NOP; scoping period for 30 days (for this Project: September 16, 2021 to October 18, 2021); preparation of the Draft SEIR; public review of the Draft SEIR for 45 days (anticipated: Winter to Spring 2022); preparation of the Final SEIR; Consideration and Certification of the Final SEIR; Adoption of Findings of Fact and, if new significant unavoidable impacts are identified, a Statement of Overriding Considerations; Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Report Project if new mitigation measures are required; and filing of the Notice of Determination (anticipated: Summer 2022).

IV. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Milpitas Metro Specific Plan is an update to the Milpitas Transit Area Specific Plan (TASP). An EIR for the TASP was prepared and certified in 2008. The TASP included new land use categories and policies to create attractive high-density urban neighborhoods with a mix of land uses around the light rail stations and BART station in Milpitas. The TASP envisioned creating pedestrian connections so that residents, visitors, and workers will walk, bike, and take transit. The TASP EIR considered the impacts from implementation of the TASP, including the development of the following: 7,109 residential units; 993,843 square feet of office space; 287,075 square feet of retail space; 350 hotel rooms.

The Milpitas Metro Specific Plan aims to update the original TASP vision and complete existing and emerging neighborhood by expanding access to neighborhood services and retail, creating new opportunities for jobs near transit, providing additional affordable and market-rate housing, enhancing multimodal connections and non-vehicle mobility throughout the area, providing a greater variety of shared public spaces, and strengthening the identity sense of place within the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan Area. The Milpitas Metro Specific Plan updates the TASP in three ways, which will be analyzed in the SEIR. First, the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan Area would be expanded in two areas that were not previously included in the TASP. Second, the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan includes new/updated land use designations that allow for greater density and includes updated to policies. Third, the Milpitas Metro Specific Plan would allow for additional growth, including the following (which would be in addition to the growth already approved in the TASP EIR): 7,000 residential units, 3,000,000 square feet of office use, 300,000 square feet of retail use, and 700 hotel rooms.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any member of the public may comment on the Project described above and/or the scope of the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), including the environmental issues that the SEIR should address.

Written comments can also be provided to:

- kriley@ci.milpitas.ca.gov
- Kevin Riley, Metro Plan Project Manager | City of Milpitas
455 East Calaveras Boulevard, Milpitas, CA 95035

Scoping comments will be accepted until October 18, 2021, at 5:00 PM

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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