



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Huntington Beach has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), which is available for public review, for the Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue Intersection Improvements Project pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15087, as described below.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located in the southeastern portion of the City of Huntington Beach, at the intersection of Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue. Proposed improvements at the intersection would extend along Brookhurst Street, up to approximately 1,000 feet north of Adams Avenue and 800 feet south of Adams Avenue, and along Adams Avenue up to approximately 1,300 feet west of Brookhurst Street and 1,200 feet east of Brookhurst Street.

Project Description: The City of Huntington Beach proposes to widen the Brookhurst Street/Adams Avenue intersection in all directions. The proposed project would add travel lanes on both roadways. The following new travel lanes are proposed: two additional northbound right-turn lanes (Brookhurst Street); one additional southbound right-turn lane (Brookhurst Street); one additional eastbound through lane (Adams Avenue); and one additional westbound through lane (Adams Avenue).

The proposed intersection widening would require right-of-way (ROW) acquisition on all four legs of the intersection on both sides of each street. The proposed project would require approximately 31,230 square feet of ROW acquisition, predominantly from commercial properties but with one partial residential land acquisition (approximately 143 square feet). The limits of construction on Brookhurst Street will be approximately 1,000 feet north of Adams Avenue and 800 feet to the south. The limits of construction along Adams Avenue will be approximately 1,300 feet to the west of Brookhurst Street and 1,200 feet to the east.

This proposed street improvement and intersection project would occur in a single phase, with construction activity taking place on all four quadrants of the intersection concurrently.

An initial catalyst for the project was the requirements of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed in 2006, between the Cities of Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach and the Orange County Transportation

Authority. The MOU establishes a multi-jurisdictional approach to alleviating traffic congestion along the Garfield Avenue and Gisler Avenue corridors and identifies numerous improvements within the area to be implemented by the MOU cities in lieu of constructing the Garfield-Gisler Bridge Crossing. As specified in the MOU, the widening of the Brookhurst Street and Adams Avenue intersection is one of the improvements. In addition, the project improvements are required to improve intersection level of service per the analysis in the recently updated General Plan Circulation Element.

Significant Project Impacts: Based on analysis within the Draft EIR, the project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact under Land Use and Relevant Planning due to a reduction in available parking in the project area. The Draft EIR did not identify any other significant and unavoidable environmental impacts. The project site is not located on a hazardous materials site listed on the Cortese list pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Public Review Period: The City has made this Draft EIR available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087. Your response must be sent as soon as possible but **no later than 5:00 p.m. August 26, 2013**. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address below. If you challenge the City's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Department of Planning and Building prior to the end of the review period. The public review period for the Draft EIR is:

Starting Date: July 12, 2013

Ending Date: August 26, 2013

Document Availability: The Draft EIR is available for public review at the locations listed below during regular business hours:

- City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Huntington Beach;
- Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach;
- Banning Branch Library, 9281 Banning Avenue, Huntington Beach; and
- On the internet at:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/government/departments/planning/Environmentalreports>

Responses and Comments: The City will receive your written comments regarding the Draft EIR from Friday, July 12, 2013 through Monday, August 26, 2013. **All written comments must be received by the City by August 26, 2013, 5:00 PM.** Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments via mail or e-mail to:

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Comment Meeting: A meeting will be held during the public review period to take comments on the Draft EIR. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Huntington Beach Central Library in the Talbert Room at 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, California. For further information, please contact Mary Beth Broeren at (714) 536-5550.

Public Hearing: A public hearing, for action on the Draft EIR, will be held in the Fall. A public hearing notice will be sent prior to the hearing.