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SCH #

Project Title: Downtown Oakland Specific PlanLead Agency: City of OaklandContact Person: Alicia ParkerMailing Address: 250 Frank H. Ogawa, Suite 3315Phone: (510) 238-3362City: OaklandZip: 94612County: Alameda

Project Location: County: Alameda City/Nearest Community: Oakland

Cross Streets: 27th St. (north); Brush and Market St. (west); Oakland Estuary (south); Lake Merritt (east) Zip Code: 94612Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: 850

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-980; I-580; I-880; SR-24 Waterways: Lake Merritt; Lake Merritt Channel; Oakland EstuaryAirports: _____ Railways: BART Schools: Lincoln ES; Westlake MS**Document Type:**

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: Energy; GHG

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See Attached.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board</u> |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date January 4th, 2019 Ending Date February 11th, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: Urban Planning Partners Applicant: _____
Address: 388 17th Street, Suite 230 Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Oakland, CA 94612 City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: Lynette Dias Phone: _____
Phone: (510) 251-8210

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ Date: 1/3/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.



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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE DOWNTOWN OAKLAND SPECIFIC PLAN**

The City of Oakland's Planning and Building Department, Bureau of Planning, is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan concurrently with the development of the Draft Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (the Project) as identified below, and is requesting comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The EIR will address the potential physical and environmental effects that the project may have on each of the environmental topics outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City has **not** prepared an Initial Study. Under CEQA, a Lead Agency may proceed directly with EIR preparation without an Initial Study if it is clear that an EIR will be required. The City has made such determination for the Project.

The City of Oakland is the Lead Agency for the Project and is the public agency with the greatest responsibility for approving the Project or carrying it out. This notice is being sent to Responsible Agencies and other interested parties. Responsible Agencies are those public agencies, besides the City of Oakland, that also have a role in approving or carrying out the Project. When the EIR is published, it will be sent to all Responsible Agencies and to others who respond to this NOP or who otherwise indicate that they would like to receive a copy.

Responses to this NOP and any questions or comments should be directed in writing or via email to: Alicia Parker, City of Oakland, Bureau of Planning, 250 Frank H. Ogawa, Suite 3315 Oakland, CA 94612; (510) 238-3362 (phone); or by e-mail at aparker@oaklandca.gov. Written comments on the NOP must be received at the above mailing or e-mail address **by 4:00 p.m. on February 11th, 2019**. Please reference case number **SP16-001** and **ER18020** in all correspondence.

In addition, comments may be provided at the EIR Scoping Session Public Hearings to be held before the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and the City Planning Commission.

All comments should focus on potential impacts on the physical environment, ways in which potential adverse effects might be minimized, and alternatives to the project in light of the EIR's purpose to provide useful and accurate information about such factors.

EIR SCOPING SESSION PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(1) The Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board

Monday February 4, 2019 at 6:00pm

Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1

1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

2) City Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:00pm
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

PROJECT TITLE: Downtown Oakland Specific Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The Downtown Oakland Specific Plan Area encompasses approximately 850 acres in Downtown Oakland and is generally bounded by 27th Street to the north; I-980, Brush and Market Street to the west; the Jack London estuary waterfront and Embarcadero West to the south; and Lake Merritt and Channel to the east. The Plan Area's location is shown in Figure 1, and the Plan Area Boundary is shown in Figure 2.

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Oakland

EXISTING CONDITIONS: The City of Oakland, with the assistance of grants from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), is preparing the Downtown Oakland Specific Plan. Downtown Oakland is the cultural, business, government, and entertainment hub of the East Bay. The Plan Area also includes several historic properties and districts including those designated by the City of Oakland as being Areas of Primary Importance (API); Areas of Secondary Importance (ASI); properties individually rated A, B, C, or D; and Landmark Properties. The Plan Area is serviced by two Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) stations, multiple Alameda County (AC) Transit bus lines, Amtrak train service, and ferry service. There is potential soil and groundwater contamination associated with previous uses in the project area, including approximately 100 properties identified on the California Environmental Protection Agency's Cortese List.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Downtown Oakland Specific Plan will provide a roadmap for how the area develops over the next 20 to 25 years through policy guidance on land use, transportation, housing, economic development, public spaces, cultural arts, and social equity. The Plan aims to ensure that Downtown remains a place of continuing growth and revitalization, as well as a valuable resource for the larger Oakland community through increased employment, housing, arts, and cultural opportunities. Supporting existing residents by growing existing businesses and the creative economy are important to creating a plan that serves both current and future residents.

The Plan builds on extensive community feedback to meet its goals of:

1. Create opportunities for economic growth for all Oaklanders.
2. Ensure sufficient housing is built and retained to meet the varied needs of current and future residents.
3. Make downtown's streets comfortable, safe, and inviting, as well as improve connections to the city as a whole so that everyone has efficient and reliable access to downtown's jobs and services.
4. Allow diverse voices and forms of expression flourish.
5. Provide vibrant public spaces and a healthy environment that improve the quality of life downtown today and for generations to come.
6. Develop downtown in a way that contributes to community needs and preserves Oakland's unique character.

The components of the Specific Plan will include:

- The distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land, including open space, within the area covered by the plan;
- The proposed distribution location, and extent of the uses of major components of public and private transportation, sewage, water, drainage, solid waste disposal, energy, and other essential facilities proposed to be located within the area covered by the plan and need to support the land uses described in the plan;
- Standards and criteria by which development will proceed, and standards for the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources, where applicable; and
- A program of implementation measures, including regulations, public works projects, and financing measures necessary to carry out the proposed improvements

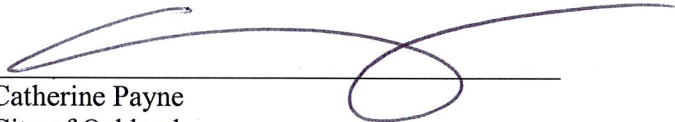
For more information on the project, please visit the project website at:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: It is anticipated that the project may have significant environmental impacts to the following: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Historic Architectural Resources, Flood Plain/Flooding, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Traffic and Transportation, and Utilities and Infrastructure, as well as cumulative effects. All of the noted environmental factors will be analyzed in the EIR.

The Project does not have the potential for any impact on the following environmental factors, and, as a result, these environmental factors will not be the subject of study in this EIR: Agriculture and Forestry (there are no agricultural and forest land resources in the Planning Area), and Mineral Resources (there are no mineral resources in the Plan Area).

The Draft EIR will also examine a reasonable range of alternatives to the project, including the CEQA-mandated No Project Alternative and other potential alternatives that may be capable of reducing or avoiding potential environmental effects.

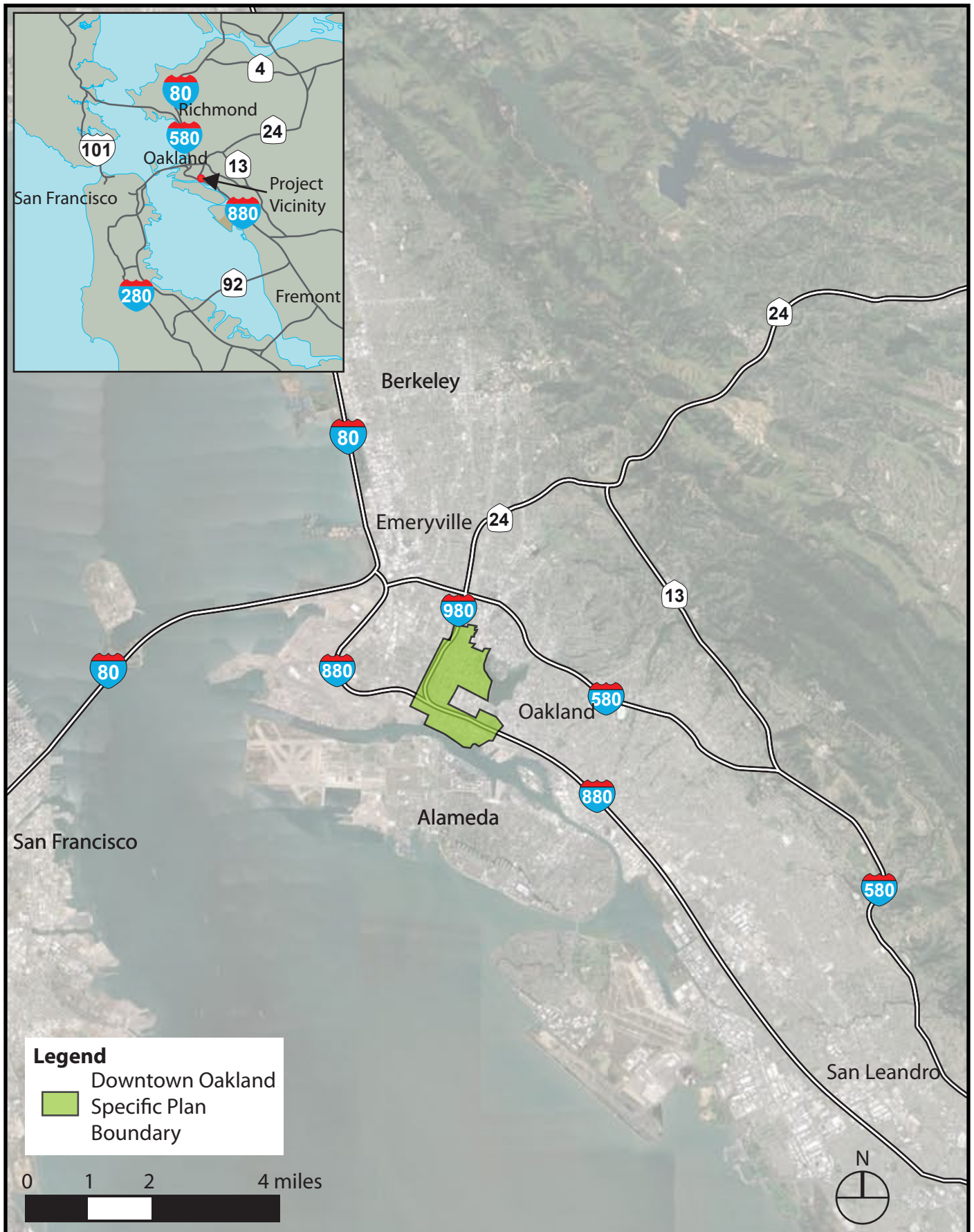
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Catherine Payne
City of Oakland
Environmental Review Officer

Attachments:

Figure 1: Regional and Vicinity Map
Figure 2: Planning Boundary



**Downtown Oakland Specific Plan Draft EIR
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Source: Google Earth, 2018.

**Figure 1
Regional and Vicinity Map**



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Source: Google Earth, 2018.

**Figure 2
Planning Boundary**