



Public Notice



Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Environmental Impact Report and Public Hearing for the San Diego Office Building Replacement Department of Transportation, District 11

What is Being Planned: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11, is proposing to construct a consolidated headquarters complex to include approximately 301,000 square feet of office space on approximately 11 acres of land. The proposed project is located in the City of San Diego within the community of Old Town. The purpose of the project is to consolidate existing Caltrans functions currently dispersed at several locations in the project vicinity, including the existing facility on Juan Street. The project would include parking for approximately 815 vehicles.

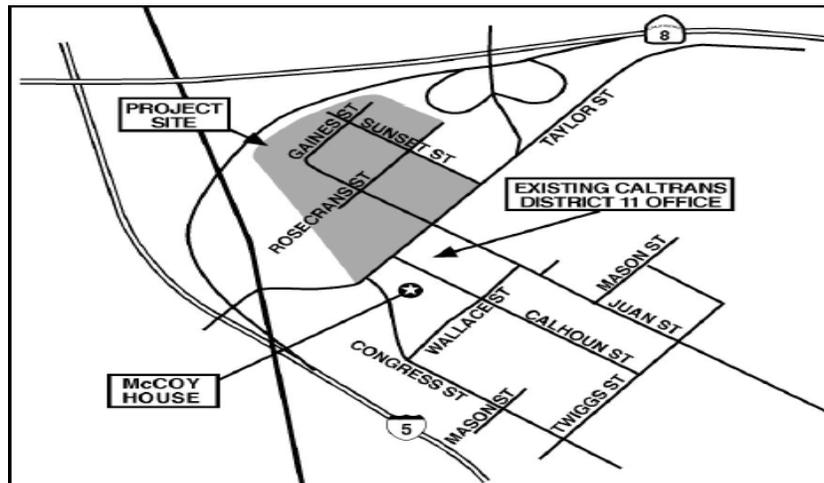
Why this Ad: This notice is to inform you that Caltrans has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which studied the potential impacts of the proposed project. Our studies show that the project would result in significant immitigable impacts to cultural resources, land use and aesthetics. The significant impacts associated with cultural resources are associated with the removal of two of the three historical structures on the project site. The significant impacts associated with land use and aesthetics are limited to non-conformance with the City of San Diego plans, policies and ordinances for the Old Town Community. The Draft EIR also found a number of potentially adverse impacts not to be significant after mitigation or through the implementation of project design measures. These issues include the following: geology, floodplain/water resources/hydrology, transportation/ circulation, air quality, noise, hazards/hazardous materials, and public services/utilities.

About the Hearing: The hearing will be an "open forum." There will be no formal presentation, but you may speak directly with Caltrans and Department of General Services staff and the environmental consultants who prepared the report (KEA Environmental, Inc.). A certified court reporter will be available to take your comments, or you may submit them in writing. All substantive comments on environmental issues will be addressed in the Final EIR. The meeting is set for the following date and time:

Date: June 6, 2001

Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Place: McCoy House in the Community of Old Town
(Parking is available on Congress Street, behind the Caltrans Building)**



Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign or Foreign Language Interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate forms, etc.) are requested to contact the District 11 Public Information Office at (619) 688-2556 at least 21 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2922.

What is Available: You can review the Draft EIR and appendices and all documents referenced in the EIR at the Caltrans District 11 office: 2829 Juan Street, San Diego, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional copies of the Draft EIR and appendices will also be available at the following locations: Mission Hills Branch Library, 925 W. Washington Street; University Heights Branch Library, 4193 Park Boulevard; Central Library, 820 E Street; Point Loma Branch Library, 2130 Poinsettia Drive; Linda Vista Branch Library, 2160 Ulrich Street; and, City of San Diego Planning and Development Review, 1222 First Avenue. The Executive Summary of the Draft EIR is available on the Caltrans web site: www.dot.ca.gov/dist11.

If you wish to comment on the Draft EIR, you may submit your written comments from April 30, 2001 until June 14, 2001 to Jane Hershberger, Senior Environmental Planner, Department of General Services, Real Estate Services Division, Professional Services Branch, 1102 Q Street, Suite 5100, Sacramento, California, 95814.

Contact: For more information about this project, please contact Shelley Whitaker, Project Director, at (916) 3249680, or Jane Hershberger, Senior Environmental Planner, at (916) 324-0207, Department of General Service, Real Estate Services Division.