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**OAKLAND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN
NOTICE OF RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR)
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Release/Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Oakland Bicycle Master Plan and Notice of Public Hearing on the same

REVIEW PERIOD: March 14, 2007 – April 27, 2007

CASE NO.: ER05-104 (State Clearinghouse Number 2005092011)

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Oakland

PROJECT LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Oakland is updating its 1999 Bicycle Master Plan (Plan). The resulting Plan will continue to ensure Oakland's eligibility for funding for bicycle facilities and programs from the State's Bicycle Transportation Account and other bicycle grant programs. The Plan serves as the official policy document addressing the development of facilities and programs to enhance the role of bicycling as a viable and appropriate transportation choice in Oakland. Through a General Plan amendment, the City will adopt the updated Plan as part of the Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) of the Oakland General Plan. The Plan would implement General Plan LUTE Policy T4.4 which recommends the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a Bicycle Master Plan.

The Bicycle Master Plan contains the following components that are relevant to the environmental review presented in this EIR:

- Vision, goals, objectives, and policies
- Proposed Bikeway Network
- Citywide feasibility analysis of proposed bikeways
- Coordination with local, county, and regional planning

As part of the General Plan LUTE, the Bicycle Master Plan has the comprehensive scope and jurisdictional authority required to coordinate all bicycle-related plans, programs, and projects within Oakland in a manner consistent with regional, state, and federal guidelines.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (Draft EIR comments and comments on the Plan)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Initial Study for this Project (City of Oakland, September 2005) conservatively identified transportation/circulation and air quality as environmental issues for which implementation of the Project could result in a potentially significant impact. These two environmental topics are addressed in this Draft EIR. The Initial Study determined that implementation of the Project would result in less-than-significant impacts for all other environmental issues and thus they are excluded from further analysis in this Draft EIR. The Draft EIR focuses on the topic areas of traffic/circulation and air quality as well as responds to scoping session comments by the public.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168, this EIR presents a program-level analysis since the individual projects that comprise the Plan would be "carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory agency (City of Oakland) and have generally similar environmental effects which can be mitigated in similar ways." Consistent with Section 15168, this EIR examines the types of projects contained in the Bicycle Master Plan and establishes a framework for the study of potential environmental impacts associated with each project type. This EIR also specifies mitigation measures and/or standard conditions for those potential impacts that would be applied to reduce any significant impacts to a less-than-significant level.

Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review or distribution to interested parties at no charge at the Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning and Zoning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Draft EIR is also available for review at the Oakland Public Library, Social Science and Documents, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612. The Draft EIR and the Draft Bicycle Master Plan may also be reviewed on the City's website at www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.htm.

The City of Oakland is hereby releasing this Draft EIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for public review. Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing and provide comments focusing on whether the Draft EIR is sufficient in discussing possible impacts to the environment as a result of this Project and ways those impacts may be avoided or minimized through mitigation measures. All comments received will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the EIR and to taking any further action pertaining to the Project. **Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2007**, and should be sent to the attention of Jason Patton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, City of Oakland, Public Works Agency, Transportation Services Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4344, Oakland, California 94612; telephone: (510) 238-7049; e-mail: jpatton@oaklandnet.com. If you challenge the environmental document or other potential actions pertaining to the Project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearings described above or in written correspondence received by the City of Oakland on or prior to April 27, 2007.



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Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager

Date of Notice: March 12, 2007

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