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**COMBINED NOTICE OF RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY OF THE  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE OAKLAND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN**

**PROJECT TITLE:** City of Oakland Bicycle Master Plan  
**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 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 mode in Oakland. 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. 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 T4.5 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.

**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. The Initial Study determined that implementation of the Project would result in less-than-significant impacts for all other environmental issues and thus they were excluded from further analysis in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR (City of Oakland, March 2007) focused on the topic areas of traffic/circulation and air quality and responded to scoping session comments by the public. The Draft EIR did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts. The Final EIR responds to comments by the public on the Draft EIR and identifies changes to the Draft EIR that address those comments.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007** at 6:00 p.m. City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (certification of the Final EIR and recommendation to City Council on the adoption of the General Plan Amendment)

**Tuesday, December 4, 2007** at 7:00 p.m. Oakland City Council, City Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the General Plan Amendment)

In addition, the Community and Economic Development Committee of the City Council will consider this matter on **Tuesday, November 13, 2007**, 4:00 p.m., in Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

The City of Oakland is hereby releasing this Final EIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for public review. Members of the public are invited to comment on the Final EIR and the Project. There is no fee for commenting, and all comments received will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the EIR and making a decision on the Project. Comments on the Final EIR should focus on the sufficiency of the Final EIR in responding to public comments received on the Draft EIR. Comments may be made at the public hearings described above or in writing. Please address all written comments to Jason Patton, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency, Transportation Services Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4344, Oakland, California 94612; phone: (510) 238-7049; fax: (510) 238-7415; e-mail: [jpatton@oaklandnet.com](mailto:jpatton@oaklandnet.com). Please reference Case File Number ER05-104 in all correspondence. 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 prior to the public hearings.



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