Notice of Availability of a Limited Revised and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report
City of Santa Rosa

Date: January 28, 2019
Subject: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Southeast Greenway General Plan Amendment and Rezoning Project

Lead Agency: City of Santa Rosa
Project Title: Southeast Greenway General Plan Amendment and Rezoning Project
State Clearinghouse No.: 2017042066
Project Location: City of Santa Rosa

The 57-acre Southeast Greenway Area follows a 1.9 mile long path from Farmers Lane and Highway 12 to Spring Lake Regional Park in southeast Santa Rosa. The project constitutes a General Plan and Zoning amendment for the future development of parks and recreation land uses (i.e., open space, school facilities, community gathering space) and neighborhood retail/commercial and housing; no construction is proposed. The project includes a Land Use Concept that frames the type and scale of development on the project site and a Circulation Concept that structures multi-modal paths, crossings, and connections throughout the project site. The proposed policies that provide a framework for future development on the project area by 2035 are organized into three categories; Public Service and Facility, Land Use, and Circulation. The maximum potential development under the proposed project would consist of up to 244 housing units, up to 12,000 square feet of commercial space, and 47.2 acres of parks and recreational uses.

This NOA has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the City of Santa Rosa as the Lead Agency pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Limited Revised and Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (hereinafter referred to as “Revised Draft EIR”). This NOA provides the public and responsible, trustee, and other agencies with information about the potential implications of supplemental data made available after the Draft EIR for the Southeast Greenway General Plan Amendment and Rezoning Project was issued on August 21, 2017. Specifically, the Revised Draft EIR includes the incorporation of a revised Traffic Impact Study that examines transportation and circulation impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed project if the City’s Farmers Lane Extension project were to occur after the buildout of the proposed project as well as subsequent noise impacts due to the changes in traffic movement. The Revised Draft EIR is limited and only addresses traffic and noise impacts. Where necessary, the Revised Draft EIR identifies mitigation measures to minimize potentially significant impacts of the project. The City has prepared the Revised Draft EIR in compliance with CEQA Guidelines and will use it in conjunction with other information developed in the City’s formal record when considering whether to approve the proposed project.

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(f)(2), the City is requesting that anyone wishing to submit written comments on the Revised Draft EIR limit their comments to the revised portions of the Draft EIR. The City is not accepting additional input on non-recirculated chapters or other portions of the Draft EIR, which was issued for agency and public review on Monday, August 21, 2017 through Wednesday, October 4, 2017. As permitted by CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, the Final EIR for the proposed project will include written response to (i) comments received during the initial circulation and public comment period that relate to the portions of the Draft EIR that were not revised and recirculated; and (ii) comments received during the recirculation period for the Revised Draft EIR that relate to the revised portions of the Draft EIR.

The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR will start on Monday, January 28, 2019 and end on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Copies of the Revised Draft EIR will be on file for public review at Santa Rosa City Hall (100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa), in the Planning and Economic Development Department (Room 3) and the City Manager’s Office (Room 10) and the Sonoma County Library (211 E Street, Santa Rosa), as well as the “Plan the Southeast Greenway” website at http://planthegreenway.com/. Comments on the Revised Draft EIR are due no later than the close of the 45-day public review period at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Please submit your written comments to the Planning and Economic Development Department (100 Santa Rosa Avenue Room 3, Santa Rosa, CA 95404) or email to Jessica Jones at jjones@srcity.org with “Southeast Greenway EIR” as the subject. A public hearing to receive comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR will be held before the Planning Commission on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at or after 4:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers (100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404).
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Figure 1
Regional and Vicinity Map

Source: ESRI, 2017; City of Santa Rosa, 2017; PlaceWorks, 2017.

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