City of Corona General Plan
Interim Technical Update

EIR Scoping Meeting

August 30, 2018
Project Team

City Staff

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Consulting Team

• PlaceWorks, Project Manager--General Plan and Environmental Impact Report
• Fehr & Peers, Transportation
• SWCA, Biological Resources and Cultural Resources
• FUSCOE, Infrastructure
• LSA, Climate Change and Resiliency
Overview

❖ Purpose of the Scoping Meeting
❖ Overview of the Project
❖ Environmental Review
❖ Public Comments
GENERAL PLAN
Every city and county in California is required to have a General Plan; Government Code 65300 et seq.

The General Plan is a long-range planning document that is a guideline or framework for the City’s future development.

Establishes goals and policies for required topics and allows for cities to address locally important topics.

Decision making tool for City Council, commissions, residents, agencies, business, developers, etc.

Corona last updated its general plan in 2004; the Housing Element was updated in 2014 and is in compliance till 2021.
GENERAL PLAN TOPICS

- Health & Wellness
- Community Development
- Circulation Infrastructure
- Natural Resources
- General Plan Vision
- Safety Hazards
- Public Services & Facilities

New
The General Plan update will:

- Respond to new state requirements & best practices
- Reflect contemporary community concerns
- Update technical studies with current information
- It will NOT change land uses or intensify development
ROLE OF THE LAND USE PLAN

• The General Plan Land Use Plan determines where growth will occur, the type of development allowed, and the amount of growth in Corona.

• The Corona General Plan sets the pattern for growth in the city; the County regulates growth in the Sphere through the Temescal Canyon Area Plan.

• The 2018 Corona Land Use Plan proposes NO changes in density, intensity, or uses anywhere in the city.
GROWTH PROJECTIONS

• The EIR analyzes total impact of growth – determined by what the General Plan allows vs. what is on the ground today.

• The EIR analyzes growth located in the City and Sphere (Coronita, Home Gardens, Temescal Valley, El Cerrito).

• After the development boom of the 2000s, the City’s growth is gradually slowing as buildout approaches.
GROWTH PROJECTIONS

• Growth in Corona will occur on vacant land along the periphery, in approved specific plan areas, & limited infill sites.

• For the entire planning area, growth anticipated totals:
  - 11,511 new homes
  - 39,298 new residents
  - 31,156 new jobs

• The SOI areas (especially El Cerrito and Temescal Valley) could makeup 50%+ of the above projected growth.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PURPOSE OF CEQA AND EIR

❖ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [pronounced “SEE- quah”]

❖ CEQA requires preparation of the EIR for a comprehensive general plan update

❖ Discloses project impacts to public and decision-makers AND identifies ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts
OVERVIEW OF EIR PROCESS

Prepare Notice of Preparation
- Distribute Notice of Preparation
  - August 15, 2018

Prepare Draft EIR
- Public & Agency Review of Draft EIR (45 Days)
- Scoping Meeting
  - August 30, 2018

Prepare Final EIR incl. Response to Comments
- Planning Commission Hearing
- City Council Hearing

Issue Notice of Determination

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT
NOTICE OF PREPARATION

❖ Contains a brief description of the project, its location, and where documents relating to the project can be found

❖ Notifies responsible agencies and other interested parties that an EIR will be prepared

❖ Solicits input regarding the scope, focus, and content of the upcoming EIR

❖ 30-day public review period
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TECHNICAL STUDIES

- Transportation – Fehr & Peers
- Noise Study – PlaceWorks
- Air Quality & GHG Emissions – PlaceWorks
- Cultural & Historic Resources – SWCA
- Biological Resources - SWCA
OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMENT NOW

❖ Notice of Preparation
  - Began August 15 and ends September 14, 2018
  – Noticed on August 15 in The Sentinel Weekly

❖ Available for review at City of Corona
  - City Hall | 400 S. Vicentia Avenue.
  - Corona Library | 650 South Main Street

❖ Scoping Meeting tonight
FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

❖ Draft EIR (est. Winter 2019)
  - Circulation period of 45 days

❖ Final EIR (est. Spring 2019)
  - Includes responses to comments
  - Final EIR available for review

❖ General Plan hearings
  - Planning Commission public hearings
  - City Council public hearings
SCOPING MEETING

❖ Provide opportunity for public input
  - Listen to your thoughts and concerns

❖ Determine EIR scope, focus, and content
  - Identify environmental topics
  - Identify potential impacts
  - Identify ways to avoid or reduce impacts
YOUR THOUGHTS

What *Environmental Issues* would you like to see addressed in the EIR?
HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comments on the NOP and Scoping Meeting may be submitted in person or mailed to:

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

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