



City of Eastvale

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT EIR

Date: October 10, 2017

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations, Affected Property Owners

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Project Title: Project No. PLN17-20015 General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone for Commercial Uses for Lewis Retail at Polopolus Property (Site 1)
Project No. PLN17-20029 AI's Corner General Plan Amendment (Site 2)

Project Location: Site 1: 7270 Hamner Avenue, east of Hamner Avenue, at the terminus of Schleisman Road
Site 2: southwest corner of Hamner Avenue and Riverboat Drive
See Figure 1 – Project Vicinity Map

Parcel Numbers: Site 1: 152-060-002 and 152-060-003; Site 2: 152-350-010 and 152-350-011

The City of Eastvale, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), plans to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to CEQA. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City is issuing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform you that an EIR will be prepared and to provide an opportunity for a meaningful response related to the scope and content of the EIR, including the potentially significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Draft EIR will address entitlements related to two different sites, that may be considered together, or separately, by the City.

- **General Plan Amendments** on Sites 1 and 2 to change the land use designation to Commercial Retail
- **Change of Zone** on Site 1 to change the zoning to General Commercial (C-1/C-P)
- **Tentative Parcel Map** to subdivide Site 1 into eight commercial parcels and one right-of-way parcel

Lewis Retail and Civic Center – Project No. PLN17-20015 (Site 1)

Lewis Retail proposes a General Plan Amendment and a Change of Zone for potential development of commercial and civic uses on a 23-acre site, with initial operation in 2019. The General Plan Amendment would modify the land use designation from Medium Density Residential to Commercial Retail. The Change of Zone would modify the zoning from Rural Residential (R-R) and Watercourse, Watershed, and Conservation Area (W-1) to General Commercial (C-1/C-P). A Tentative Parcel Map is proposed to subdivide the site into eight commercial parcels and one right-of-way parcel. No specific development proposal has been submitted to the City. However, for purposes of the environmental analysis (including traffic, noise, and air quality technical studies), the following uses have been assumed for Site 1:

Use	Size (square feet)
Gas station featuring 8 pumps and a market	8 pumps
Restaurant: drive-through	3,500
drive-through coffee shop	2,000
sit-down	6,000
sit-down	4,000
Retail	4,000
Medical office	10,000
Hotel featuring 130 rooms	74,800
Civic uses: government office	40,000
public library	25,000

Future development of the site would also require the following off-site and on-site improvements:

- Installation of a 36-inch storm drain on Hamner Avenue that will connect from the existing storm drain at the intersection of Hamner Avenue and Riverboat Drive to the intersection of Hamner Avenue and Schleisman Road
- Half-width improvement of the site's Hamner Avenue frontage to the ultimate right-of-way

Al's Corner – Project No. PLN17-20029 (Site 2)

The City proposes a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation on an approximately 1.38-acre City-owned parcel of vacant land, located at the southwest corner of Hamner Avenue and Riverboat Drive, and commonly known as Al's Corner.

The Al's Corner site is currently designated Medium Density Residential on the General Plan land use map and is zoned General Commercial (C-1/C-P). The proposed General Plan Amendment, if approved, would bring the General Plan land use designation and zoning into conformance.

No specific site layout or architectural design is currently proposed. However, for purposes of the environmental analysis, the following uses have been assumed for Site 2: a 16-pump gas station with a market and car wash.

EIR SCOPE

An Initial Study addressing the potential environmental impacts associated with the project has been prepared. This Initial Study was prepared in compliance with CEQA (as amended), codified in California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and the CEQA Guidelines, codified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. The purpose of an Initial Study is to provide a preliminary analysis of a project to determine whether a negative declaration, a mitigated negative declaration, or an environmental impact report should be prepared. Since the City, as the CEQA lead agency, identified the need for an EIR, an Initial Study was prepared to refine the scope of the EIR, identify resource areas that will potentially be eliminated from further analysis, and solicit public input on the scope of the EIR.

The City has preliminarily identified the following environmental considerations as potentially significant effects of the project:

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| ▪ Air Quality | ▪ Land Use and Planning |
| ▪ Geology and Soils | ▪ Noise |
| ▪ Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Energy | ▪ Transportation and Circulation |
| ▪ Hazardous Materials | ▪ Tribal Cultural Resources |
| ▪ Hydrology and Water Quality | ▪ Mandatory Findings of Significance |

The City has preliminarily identified the following environmental considerations as having either no effect or a less than significant effect:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation

The EIR will assess the effects of the project on the environment, identify potentially significant impacts, identify feasible mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate potentially significant environmental impacts, and discuss potentially feasible alternatives to the project that may accomplish basic project objectives while lessening or eliminating any potentially significant project impacts.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The NOP and Initial Study are available for public review on the City's website at: www.eastvaleca.gov/city-hall/planning/environmental-documents

Additionally, copies of the NOP and Initial Study are available for public review at the following locations:

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Planning Department
12363 Limonite Avenue, Suite 910
Eastvale, CA 91752
(951) 703-4421

EASTVALE LIBRARY

7447 Scholar Way
Eastvale, CA 92880
(951) 273-1520

The City is requesting comments as to the scope and content of the EIR. Please provide your comments **before 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2017.**

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Please include the name, phone number, and address of your agency's contact person in your response.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The CEQA process encourages comments and questions from the public throughout the planning process. Consistent with Section 21083.9 of the CEQA statute, a public scoping meeting will be held to solicit public comments on the scope and content of the EIR.

Date and Time: During Planning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Place: Rosa Parks Elementary School
13830 Whispering Hills Drive
Eastvale, CA 92880

Sincerely,



Eric Norris
Planning Director



Project Vicinity Map

Figure 1
City of Eastvale