

CITY OF CUPERTINO
RECOMMENDATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
October 1, 2015

As provided by the Environmental Assessment Procedure, adopted by the City Council of the City of Cupertino on May 27, 1983, as amended, the following described project was reviewed by the Environmental Review Committee of the City of Cupertino on October 1, 2015.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

Application No.: GPA-2015-01, Z-2015-01 (EA-2013-03)
Applicant: City of Cupertino
Location: City wide and 10950 N. Blaney Avenue

SUBJECT

Amendments to Community Vision 2040 (General Plan) which governs all properties within the City of Cupertino. The proposed policy, text and figure edits pertain to citywide issues addressed in the General Plan, are throughout the document and include updates, corrections, clarifications, and re-organization. In addition, the City Council will consider and decide upon changing the land use designation of one property located at 10950 N. Blaney Ave (Mirapath, APN: 316 03 041) from Industrial/Residential to Industrial/Commercial/Residential [File Number: GPA-2015-01]. For the Mirapath property, the City Council will also consider and decide upon a Municipal Code Amendment to change the zoning designation from Light Industrial with special development conditions (ML-fa) to Planned Development with Light Industrial and General Commercial uses (P(ML,CG)) and may conduct the first reading of the Ordinance [File Number Z-2015-01]. The City Council will also consider and decide upon the adoption of an Addendum to the General Plan, Housing Element, and Associated Rezoning Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which, together with the EIR, analyzes the proposed action.

Changes to the Community Vision 2040 are text, policy and figure amendments throughout the General Plan, and the City Council will consider the prior language from the 2020 General Plan. The changes include, but are not limited to, issues addressed in the following Chapters: Introduction, Planning Areas, Land Use and Community Design (including language change to the Oaks Gateway Node, South De Anza Special Area), Mobility, Environmental Resources and Sustainability, Health and Safety, Infrastructure, Recreation, Parks and Community Services, and Technical Appendices, including but not limited to Land Use Definitions, and Community Noise Fundamentals. These changes may include, but are not limited to, all aspects of land use, transportation, environmental and waste management policies, community services, infrastructure, parks and open space and community benefits.

FINDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Environmental Review Committee recommends the granting of an Addendum to the Certified Final Environmental Impact Report finding that the Addendum correctly concludes that proposed

revisions to the General Plan involve reinstating, reformatting, and revising references to 2005 General Plan text, and were either fully described and analyzed in the 2014 EIR or involve only clarifications, amplifications or minor revisions to the text and figures of the General Plan that do not alter the meaning of the revised text or figures and would not result in new adverse physical effects. Therefore, the proposed General Plan Amendment, would not require major revisions to the Final EIR due to new or substantially increased significant environmental effects. The Addendum provides analysis and cites substantial evidence that supports the City's determination that the General Plan Amendment does not meet the criteria for preparing a subsequent or supplemental EIR under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, and that the revisions and reinstating references to the 2005 General Plan text do not have any physical impact on the environment, including no increases in Greenhouse Gas emissions, no increased impacts to Biological Resources, no impacts to aesthetics, no generation of additional criteria pollutant emissions from stationary and mobile sources, no reductions in water quality, no impacts to mineral resources or no new adverse impacts related to noise and vibration, no impacts to public services and no impacts to public utilities. The changes related to the re-insertion of language related to LOS thresholds in the Mobility Element were metrics used to analyze potential project impacts in the Final EIR, and the modifications do not result in impacts to the circulation system.


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