

DATE: July 8, 2021

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Interested Persons

FROM: Elizabeth Boyd, Senior Planner
Community Development Department

RE: **NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND SCOPING MEETING FOR THE STOCKTON BOULEVARD PLAN**

COMMENT PERIOD

July 8, 2021 – August 9, 2021

SCOPING MEETING

July 20, 2021; 4:30-5:30 p.m.

By Computer: To join the meeting by computer, please register:

Zoom Meeting Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/88yuppm8>

The presentation will be recorded and available to view after July 20, 2021, at the project website: cityofsacramento.org/Stockton-Blvd-Plan

Responsible agencies and members of the public are invited to attend and provide input on the scope of the EIR. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the scoping meeting will be conducted in a virtual open house format. Written comments regarding relevant issues may be submitted during the meeting.

INTRODUCTION

The City of Sacramento (City) is the lead agency responsible for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Stockton Boulevard Plan (Plan). The EIR will evaluate potential significant environmental effects of the proposed Stockton Boulevard Plan and associated actions. Written comments regarding the issues that should be covered in the EIR, including potential alternatives to the proposed Plan and the scope of the analysis, are invited.

The EIR for the proposed Plan is being prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under CEQA, the City, as lead agency, must issue a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform trustee agencies, the public, and responsible agencies of its decision to prepare an EIR. The purpose of the NOP is to provide information describing the project and its potential environmental effects to those who may wish to comment regarding the scope and content of

the EIR. Agencies should comment on such information as it relates to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

The EIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with development of the proposed Plan. The proposed Plan project description, location, and environmental issue areas that may be affected by development of the proposed project are described below. The EIR will evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed project, on both a direct and cumulative basis, identify mitigation measures that may be feasible to lessen or avoid such impacts, and identify alternatives to the proposed project.

PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING

Figure 1 (Regional Location Map) shows the location of the Stockton Boulevard Plan area in the Sacramento region. The Plan area, as shown in Figure 2 includes an approximately 4.8-mile corridor along Stockton Boulevard, bounded by Alhambra Boulevard on the north and 65th Street on the south.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City, in coordination with the community, will prepare the Stockton Boulevard Plan (Plan). The Plan, which will be a combined specific plan and neighborhood action plan, will reflect the City's commitment to its neighborhoods and seek to promote community-driven development without displacement.

The Stockton Boulevard Plan Area

As shown in Figure 2, the Plan will be a combined Specific Plan and Neighborhood Action Plan. The Specific Plan will focus on improving the 4.5 mile stretch of Stockton Blvd. from Alhambra Blvd. to 65th Street. The Neighborhood Action Plan will focus on prioritizing the needs of the 23 neighborhoods that surround the Specific Plan Area so that residents and small businesses are able to benefit from future investments and improvements. The area covered by the Neighborhood Action Plan is shown in Figure 2 as the Neighborhood Study Area.

The overall plan process is anticipated to be finalized in the summer of 2022. The plan process includes the following 6 phases

1. **Project Initiation:** Begin project, identify and take stock of existing conditions.
2. **Community Priorities:** identify issues, challenges, opportunities, and priorities of the community.
3. **Visioning:** develop a shared vision for the Plan.
4. **Strategies and Actions:** develop strategies and actions; align strategies to the vision; identify and prioritize implementation strategies. Strategies and actions will be focused around the following topics: Housing and Anti-displacement; Inclusive Economic Development; Placemaking, Arts and Culture; Environment and Public Health; and Mobility and Transportation.
5. **Draft Plan:** draft and revise the Stockton Boulevard Plan and EIR.

6. **Adopt Plan:** finalize and adopt the Stockton Boulevard Plan and EIR.

The City is currently working in Phase 3, Visioning and Phase 4, Strategies and Actions.

The Plan will incorporate the analysis, recommendations, key findings, and implementation strategies from the Stockton Boulevard Corridor Study. The Study evaluates community transportation needs and presents a vision for transportation improvements along the corridor that connects and strengthens safety, mobility, and sense of community for the area. The result are conceptual designs, typically showing the roadway between the curb and sidewalk, for enhanced mobility along the corridor, along with costs estimates for next steps including environmental clearance, design, and construction. The Study Area covers the 4.2 miles of Stockton Boulevard. from Alhambra Blvd. to 47th Ave and includes. More information on the corridor study can be found on the City's website at stocktonblvd.org

The City is currently in the process of updating its General Plan (2040 General Plan), which is scheduled to be adopted before the Stockton Boulevard Plan. The 2040 General Plan is anticipated to increase the development potential within the Plan Area, particularly allowing for new housing development, along the corridor and in the Specific Plan Area. The Plan will be prepared to be consistent with allowable densities and land uses. The Plan will also identify the range of opportunity and underutilized sites along the corridor, many of which will have increased capacity under the 2040 General Plan. An infrastructure strategy is being prepared as part of the Plan, to identify more specific needs to accommodate this increased growth. More information on the 2040 General Plan can be found on the City's website at www.sac2040gpu.org.

Website

Additional information and materials relating to the proposed project are available on the City's web site at cityofsacramento.org/Stockton-Blvd-Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND SCOPE OF THE EIR

The EIR will analyze potentially significant impacts that result from implementation of the proposed SBP. Pursuant to Section 15063(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study has not been prepared for the proposed project. The EIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated for consideration under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines and will focus on the following:

- Air Quality;
- Archaeological, Historic, and Tribal Cultural Resources;
- Biological Resources;
- Global Climate Change and Energy;
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials;
- Noise and Vibration;
- Parks and Recreation;
- Public Services;
- Transportation and Circulation;
- Visual Resources; and

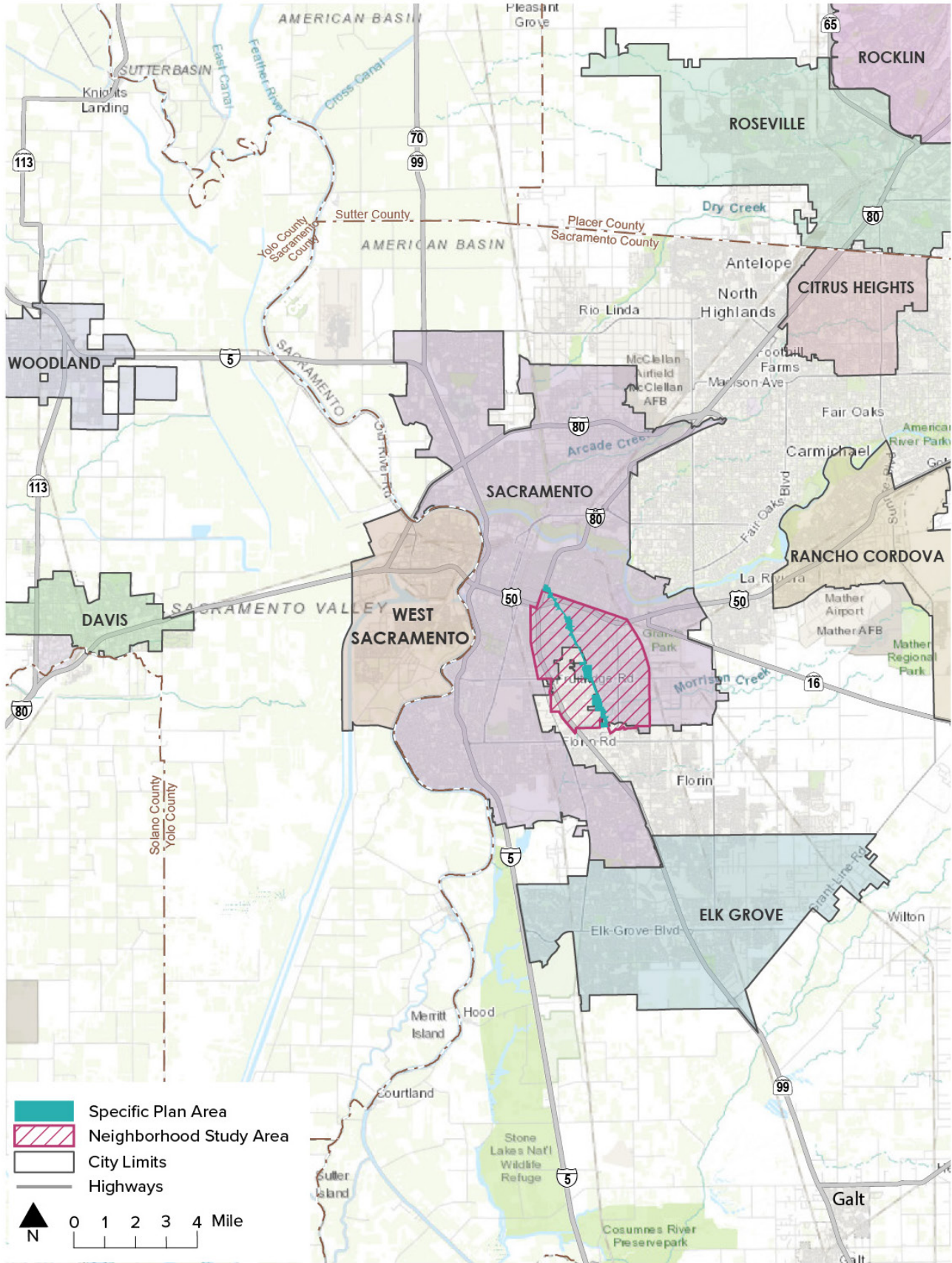
- Utilities

SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Comments and suggestions regarding the appropriate scope of analysis in the EIR are invited from all interested parties. Written comments or questions concerning the EIR for the proposed project should be directed to the City's environmental project manager at the following address by 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021. Please include the commenter's full name and address.

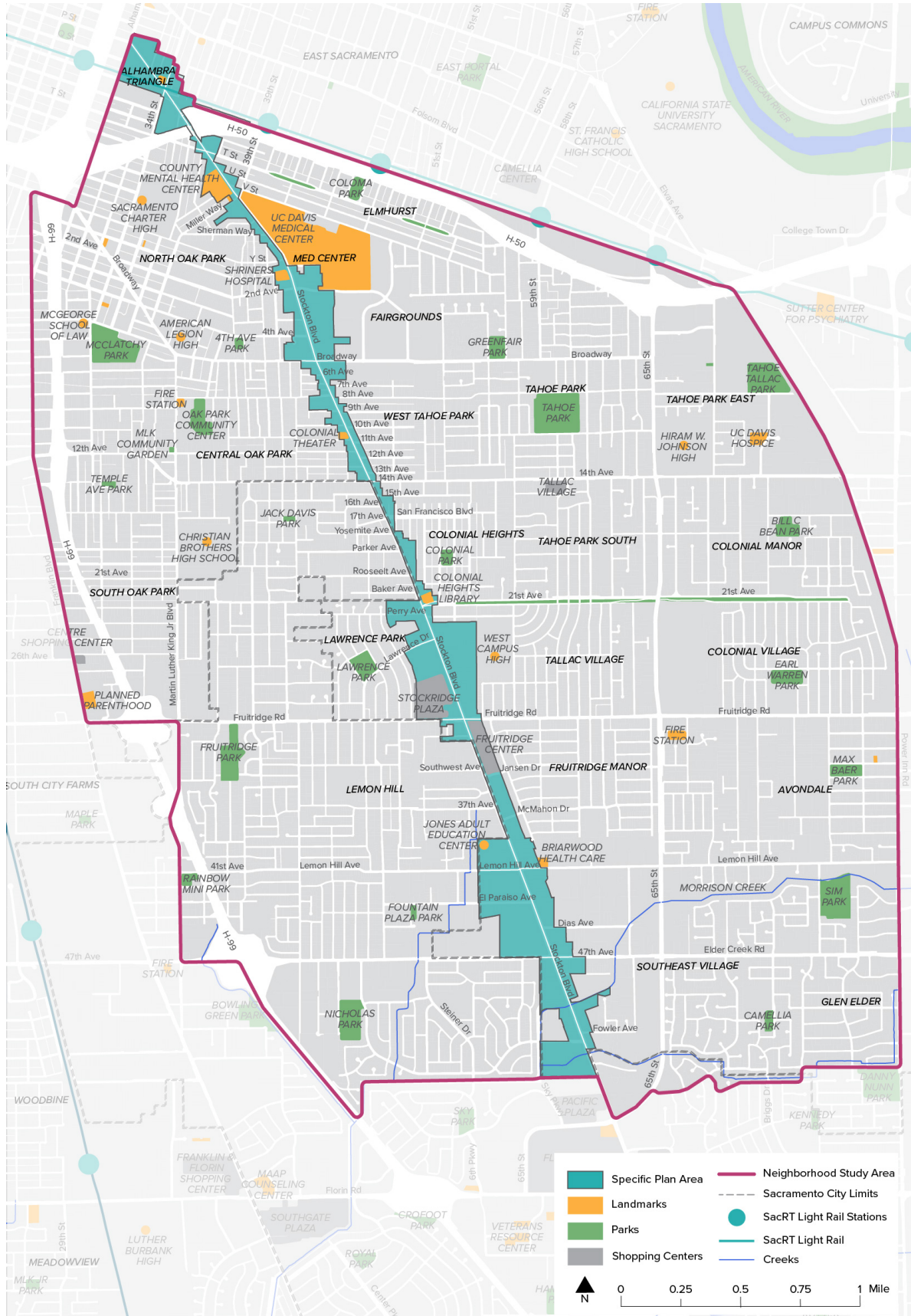
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Figure 1 Regional Location Map



Source: City of Sacramento 2020, County of Sacramento 2020, Ascent 2021

Figure 2 Stockton Boulevard Plan Area



Source: City of Sacramento 2020, Ascent 2021