

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING FOR THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
RIVER DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE**

**COMMENT PERIOD**

**February 18, 2026 – March 22, 2026**

**SCOPING MEETINGS**

**March 4, 2026:**

**Meeting #1: 1:00 – 2:00 PM**

**Meeting #2: 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

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

**Zoom Meeting Registration Links:**

**Meeting #1: [https://bit.ly/RDSP\\_1](https://bit.ly/RDSP_1)**

**Meeting #2: [https://bit.ly/RDSP\\_2](https://bit.ly/RDSP_2)**

The presentation will be recorded and available to view after March 11, 2026, at the project website: [cityofsacramento.gov/RiverDistrictSP](https://cityofsacramento.gov/RiverDistrictSP)

**Responsible agencies and members of the public are invited to attend and provide input on the scope of the SEIR. 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 a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed River District Specific Plan Update (Plan). The SEIR to be prepared by the City will evaluate potential significant environmental effects of the proposed Plan and other actions associated with the proposed Plan. Since adoption of the original 2011 River District Specific Plan, new information, changed circumstances, and proposed updates to the Plan warrant additional environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Written comments regarding the issues that should be covered in the SEIR, including potential alternatives to the proposed Project and the scope of the analysis, are invited.

The SEIR for the proposed Plan is being prepared in compliance with 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 SEIR. The purpose of the NOP is

to provide information describing the Plan and its potential environmental effects and to solicit input on the scope and content of the SEIR. Agencies should comment on environmental issues related to their statutory responsibilities.

The SEIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the proposed project. The proposed Plan project description, location, and environmental issue areas that may be affected by development of the proposed project are described below. The SEIR will evaluate 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 reasonable alternatives to the proposed project.

### **PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING**

Figure 1 (Regional Location Map) shows the location of the River District Plan area within the Sacramento region. As shown in Figure 2, the Plan area includes approximately 773 acres of mostly developed land located north of downtown Sacramento. The Plan area is generally bounded by the Sacramento and American Rivers to the west and north, a rail line to the east, and North B Street and an additional rail line to the south.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City of Sacramento proposes to update to the 2011 River District Specific Plan (Plan). The proposed River District Specific Plan Update will serve as a forward-looking policy and regulatory document that will guide land use, development, infrastructure planning, and public investment in the River District over the next 10- to 20-year planning horizon.

#### **The River District Specific Plan Update Area and Planning Process**

On February 15, 2011, the City approved the Final EIR (FEIR) for the River District Specific Plan (SCH #2009062023). The goal of the Plan was to master plan the district as a transit-oriented, urban neighborhood that supports a mix of uses with parcels ready for development and provide a general vision and broad policy concepts to guide development of the new Specific Plan area. The proposed River District Specific Plan Update (Plan) is a comprehensive update to the 2011 River District Specific Plan. The Plan Area generally encompasses the River District, located north of downtown Sacramento near the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers. This area includes a mix of industrial uses, residential development, commercial activity, transportation infrastructure, and riverfront open space.

The proposed Plan update is intended to respond to changes that have occurred since adoption of the 2011 River District Specific Plan, reflect changes to current Citywide policies, and address evolving community priorities, environmental conditions, and infrastructure needs.

The overall planning process to update the River District Specific Plan is anticipated to be finalized in the early 2027 and includes the following six phases:

- 1. Project Initiation:** Begin the project and document existing conditions.
- 2. Community Priorities:** Identify community issues, challenges, opportunities, and priorities.

3. **Visioning:** Develop a shared vision to guide the Plan.
4. **Strategies and Actions:** Develop and refine strategies and actions aligned with the vision. Strategies and actions will be focused on the following topic areas: Land Use and Urban Form; Circulation and Mobility; Open Space, Parks, and Climate Resilience; Culture, Arts, and Community Character; Utilities and Community Services; and Economic Development.
5. **Draft Plan:** Draft and revise the River District Specific Plan and SEIR.
6. **Adopt Plan:** Finalize and adopt the River District Specific Plan and SEIR.

The River District Specific Plan Update will be prepared to be consistent with the City's 2040 General Plan, and other applicable City, regional, State, and federal plans and regulations. The Plan will work within this broader policy framework to provide more detailed, area-specific guidance for future public and private actions in the River District Specific Plan area.

### **Website**

[cityofsacramento.gov/RiverDistrictSP](http://cityofsacramento.gov/RiverDistrictSP)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND SCOPE OF THE SEIR**

The SEIR will analyze potentially significant impacts that result from implementation of the proposed Plan.

Pursuant to Section 15063(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, following preliminary review, the Lead Agency shall conduct an Initial Study to determine if the project may have a significant effect on the environment. If the Lead Agency can determine that an EIR will clearly be required for the project, an Initial Study is not required but may still be desirable.

The SEIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated for consideration under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines and will focus on the following:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation

- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire

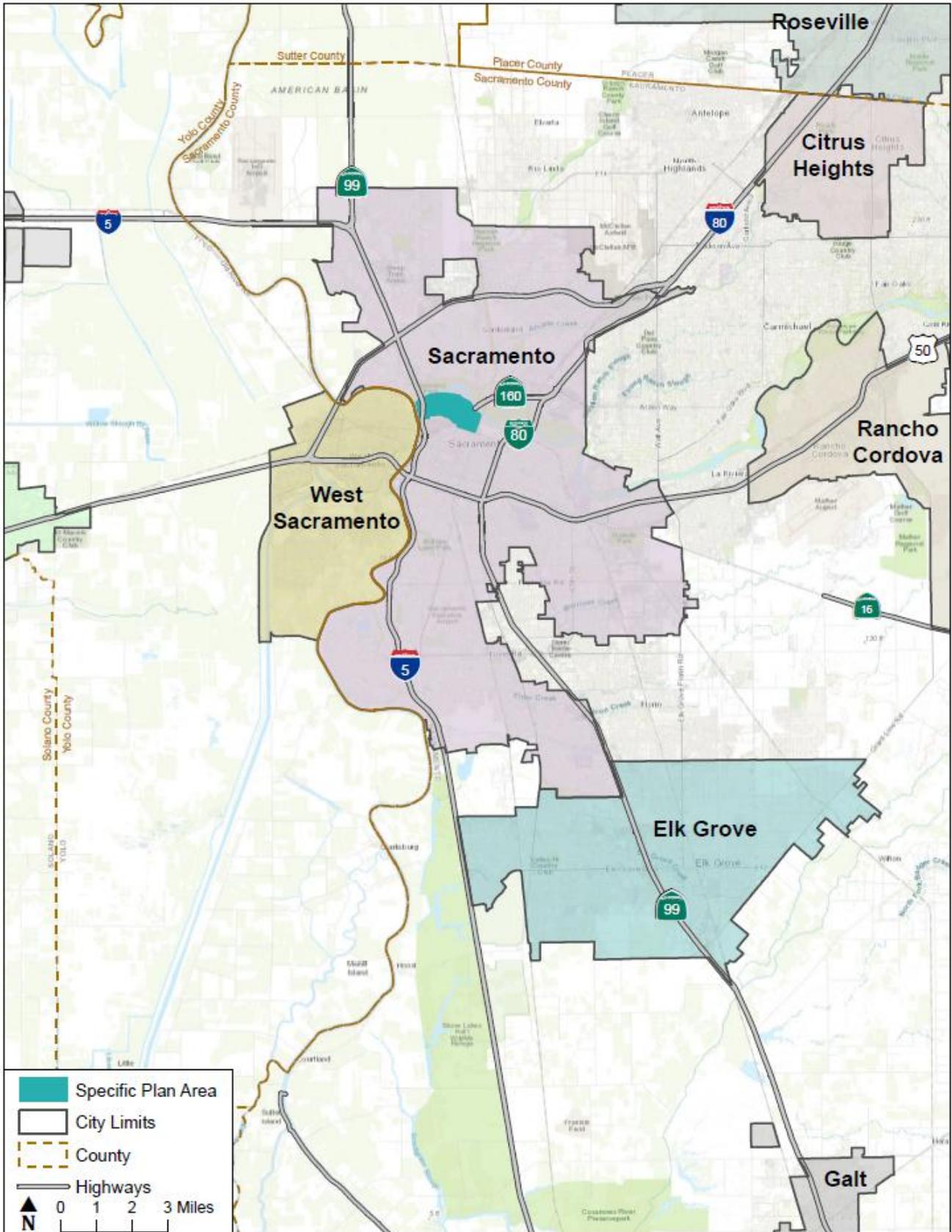
### **SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

Comments and suggestions regarding the appropriate scope of analysis in the SEIR are invited from all interested parties. Written comments or questions concerning the SEIR for the proposed project should be directed to the City's environmental project manager at the following address by 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2026. Please include the commenter's full name and address.

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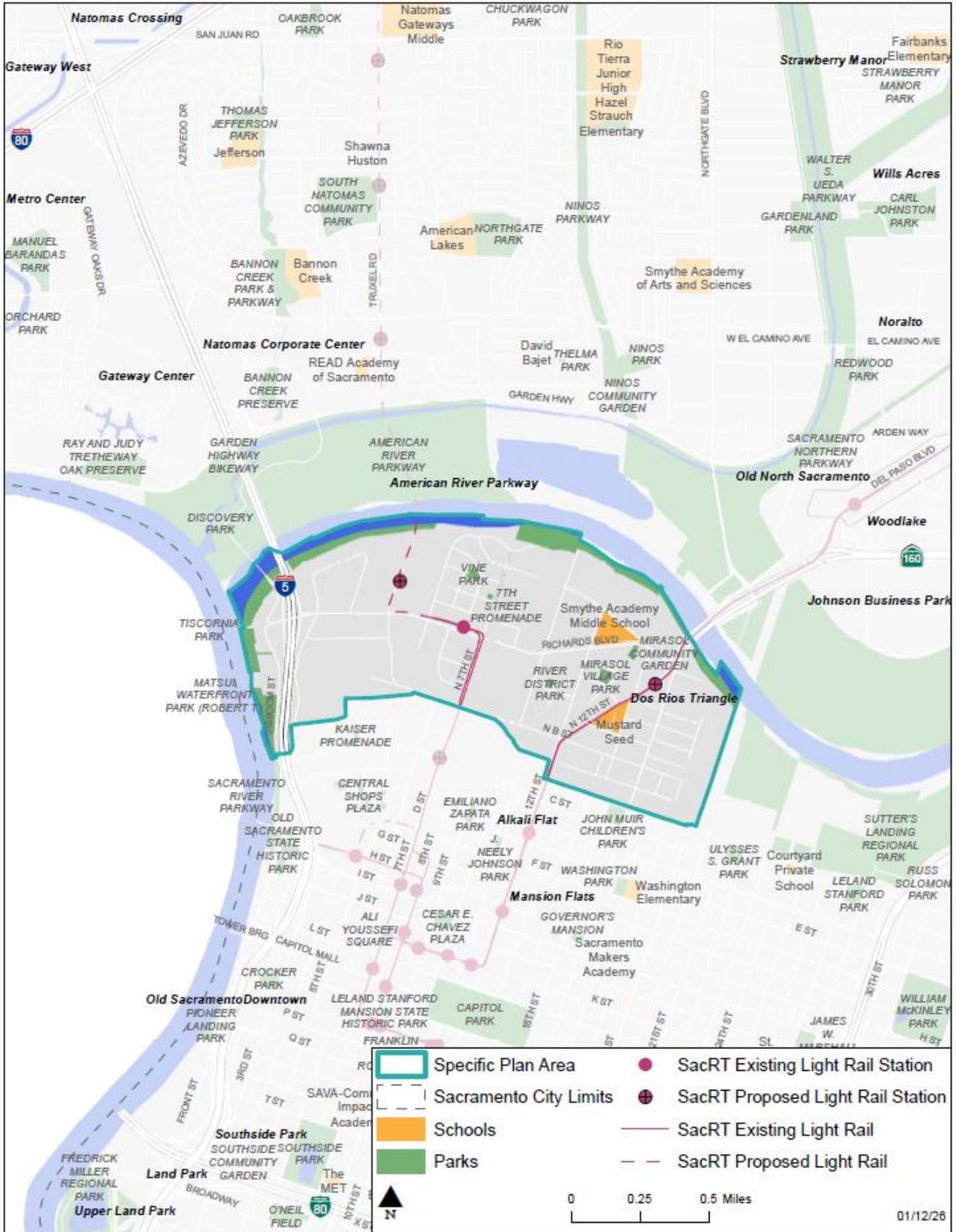
Figure 1: Regional Location Map  
Figure 2: River District Specific Plan Area

Figure 1 Regional Location Map



Source: City of Sacramento 2026

Figure 2 River District Specific Plan Area



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