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A listing from the Association of Bay Area Governments of Projects Affecting The Nine-County San Francisco Bay Area

Guide to Listing: Project applications shown in the Newsletter are received and published monthly to notify local governments and other parties about programs requiring intergovernmental review and projects of special significance. For more information, call either the ABAG Clearinghouse at (510) 464-7993 or the contact person.

### Documents Received On Or After Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Due Date	County	Impact Area	Documant Type	Document Title	Lead Agency	Contact	Phone
3/19/2012	MULTI-COUNTY		Final EIR	AC Transit East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project - Final EIR	A C Transit	East Bay BRT Project	

The Alameda-Contra Transit District (AC Transit), in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, proposes to implement high level bus rapid transit (BRT) improvements along a 14.38-mile corridor connecting the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro in the San Francisco Bay Area of California. The project would increase service frequencies, expand transit capacity, and enhance bus reliability and speeds in a high demand, congested travel corridor with large ethnic minority and low income populations.

Following the Draft EIS/EIR, the AC Transit Board of Directors gave consideration to the recommendations of the cities of Berkeley, Oakland and San Leandro and adopted a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) consisting of dedicated bus travel lanes throughout most of Oakland and in north San Leandro, with level station boarding. The LPA includes more limited improvements from downtown Berkeley to the Berkeley-Oakland border. The AC Transit Board of Directors also recommended an additional alternative for study, referred to as the Downtown Oakland to San Leandro (DOSL) Alternative. The decision to consider this shorter alternative was made upon consideration of funding, community acceptance, and BRT operational issues from downtown Berkeley to San Leandro BART. The DOSL Alternative is approximately 9.52 miles in length.

LPA improvements in the cities of Oakland and San Leandro include dedicated transit lanes in existing arterials, median or curbside stations with canopies and passenger amenities, advanced traffic signal priority for buses, and modern safety, security and communications systems. The deployment of dual sided door buses along the BRT alignment has been integrated into the project.

Following the Draft EIS/EIR, extensive public outreach in addition to engineering and technical studies (traffic, air quality, noise, energy, water quality, hazardous materials, cultural resources, socioeconomic, visual and others) were completed to define the scope and environmental effects of the BRT project, including consideration of both the LPA and the DOSL Alternatives.

Potentially adverse environmental impacts would occur in two primary areas: traffic and parking. Other effects under both alternatives include relocation of utilities during construction and realignment or reconfiguration of bike lanes. The overall project would, however, include features to encourage non-motorized bike and pedestrian travel.

Mitigation measures to reduce anticipated impacts are detailed in the document.

3/30/2012	Alameda		DEIR Supp.	WEST BERKELEY PROJECT - Draft Supplemental EIR	City of Berkeley Planning and Development Department	Debbie Sanderson	(510) 981-7410
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The West Berkeley project has been prepared by the City of Berkeley to amend the current zoning requirements in the existing Manufacturing (M), Mixed Manufacturing (MM) and Mixed Use/Light Industrial (MU-LI), and to a lesser extent the Mised-Use Residential (MU-R) zoning districts in order to : 1) remove obstacles to economically viable reuse of existing buildings consistent owith the

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				primary goals and objectives of the West Berkeley Plan; and 2) facilitate development of large land holdings through a revised Master Use Permit process.			
	Alameda		Notice	94th & International Affordable Housing - Notice of Release of Funds	City of Oakland Department of Planning & Neighborhood Preservation	Eric Angstadt, Directo	(510) 238-3911
	Related Companies California, the project sponsor, proposes to develop an affordable housing project known as 94th & International Blvd., which involves the new construction of 49 affordable hosing units with 59 parking spaces on approximately 1.256 acres, encompassing eight parcels. There are five commercial buildings and parking lots currently occupying the site that will be demolished prior to construction of the project. The eight parcels will be merged into one parcel and occupy addresses 9400-9500 International Blvd in Oakland, California. The new building will be four stories in height and front International Blvd., with 3,500 square feet of commercial space on the first floor. The first floor will also contain common areas, leasing offices, and residential units. To the east of the building will be a courtyard with open space and a tot lot, with parking farther east. Entry to the site will be from 94th Avenue, with bounds the site to the north. There will be 15,994 square feet of open space provided. The 59 residential units will be a mix of 18 three-bedroom flats of 1,144 square feet each; 23 two-bedroom flats of 865 wquare feet each; and 18 one-bedroom flats of 624 square feet each. Each unit will have one parking space. Total project cost is currently estimated at approximately \$22,900,000 which. In addition to the above-cited federal funds, includes but is not limite to City of Oakland Agency funds (approx \$5,597,000), Low Income Housing Tax Credits (approximately \$14,800,000), and other non-federal funds of conventional debt (approximately \$2,500,000).						
3/15/2012	Alameda		NOP	Oak Grove Planned Unit Development Project - Draft Supplemental EIR	City of Pleasanton Community Development Department	Steve Otto	(925) 931-5608
	The project is a development plan for a 10-unit residential project that is reduced in size from that considered in the 2007 certified EIR. The currently-proposed development plan would include 10 custom home sites that would range between 16 and 214 acres in size. The development plan identifies a specific location within each home site on which residences may be developed. These designated building pad locations are intended to reduce the effects of home construction on the existing topography, viewsheds, tress, and wetlands. The home sites would be accessed via a private road extending from Hearst Drive (and driveways extending from this private street). In addition, an emergency vehicle access route would connect the site to the Grey Eagle Estates to the north of the site. A proposed trail easement would cross sthe site between the Berlogar Property to the north and the Foley Property to the south. The project includes the following documents, which are intended to regulate the design of future home sites and the use of land on the site, and to reduce wildfire risks: Oak Grove Design Guildings; Open Space Managemetn Plan; Integrated Pest Management Plan; and Wildland Urban Interface Plan. These plans are available for review at the Community Development Department.						
3/26/2012	Contra Costa		Notice	North Camino Ramon Specific Plan - Draft EIR	City of San Ramon Planning Services Division	Mr. Lauren Barr	(925) 973-2560
	The Project area is approximately 295 acres bounded generally by the City limits to the north, Executive Parkway to the south, Highway 680 to the west and Alcosta Boulevard to the east. The North Camoino Ramon Specific Plan seeks to facilitate the redevelopment of the Specific Plan Area from an automobile-dominated, low-density commerica area to a transit- and pedestrian-oriented neighborhood that will be a community focal point with a mix of uses.						
3/12/2012	Contra Costa		NOP	James Donlong Boulevard Extension Project - EIR	City of Pittsburg Development Services Department - Planning Division	Leigha Schmidt	(925) 252-4015
	Please note that the City provided a previous Initial Study (IS) on October 23, 2007. Since that time the Project Description has been revised and, therefore, the City is providing a Revised IS. The City of Pittsburg (City) propsoes the construction of a 1.71-mile extension of James Donlon boulevard from the western edge of the approved Sky Ranch II Subdivision (Sky Ranch II) to Kirker Pass Road. The proposed project would provide a limited access arterial roadway to serve regional circulation needs and relieve existing traffic congestion on Buchanan Road, which currently receives a high volume of commute traffic between the City of Antioch and Concord. The extension of James Donlon boulevard would provide an alternative access route that would link the eastern portion of Contra Costa County (e.g. the cities of concord and Walnut Creek). In addition to the extension of james Donlon Boulevard, the City proposes to upgrade Kirker Pass Road from Nortonville Road to the City limite line (approximately 0.63 mile) from a four-lane rural road to a four-lane urban road. A northbound to eastbound free right-turn from Kirker Pass Road to the extension of James Sonlon Boulevard is also proposed.						
	Contra Costa		Notice	The Brentwood boulevard Specific Plan - Final EIR	The cith of Brentwood Community Development Department	Erik Nolthenius	(925) 516-5137
	An application for a General Plan amendment to change the land use designations for various properties along Brenwood boulevard in order to establish the Brentwood boulevard Specific Plan; and an application for a Rezone to change the zoning classifications for various properties along Brenwood boulevard in order to implement the Brentwood Boulevard Specific Plan.						

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	Napa		Notice	Napa Pipe Project - Final EIR	Napa County Department of Conservation, Development and Planning	Hillary Gitelman	(707) 253-4417

The project is proposed on a 154-acre site located at 1025 Kaiser Road in unincorporated Napa County, approximately 3 miles south of downtown Napa and adjacent to the City of Napa boundary . The site is approximately 1/4 mile west of State Highway 121 and 1/4 miles north of State Highway 29. The Napa River adjoins the west side of the site. The Napa County Airport is approximately 2 miles to the south. A railway line bisects the site in a north-south direction. The applications current proposal includes amendements to the County General Plan and zoning ordinance, and rezoning of the parcels. The project involves redeveloping a "brownfield" site, including the remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater, importing fill to raise the elevation of the site, and construction of a new neighborhood on 135 acres with: - 2,050 dwelling units, consisting of apartments and town houses (20% of the units constructed will be affordable) -150-unit continuing care retirement center for seniors -140,000 square feet of neighborhood serving retail uses -190,000 square feet of builsiness park space (office,warehouse, R&D) 1A 150-room hotel with supporting uses 134 acres of publicly accessible parks and open space 2/connections to Kennedy Park and regional trails 1privately-maintain roads, infrastructure and community facilities.

3/15/2012	Napa		Notice	Alexander Crossings Apartments - Draft EIR	City of Napa Planning Department	Scott Klingbeil	(707) 257-9530
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Request to construct a 134 unit apartment complex on a 6.39 acre site at 190/200 Silverado Trail. The development will consist of 11 residential buildings and a 3,860 square foot community clubhouse. Common area amenities will include a swimming pool, offices, computer lab, and large meeting rooms that will provide a variety of after-school programs. Of the 11 residential buildings, four will be three-story walk-ups and seven will be two-story. The apartments will be comprised of 40 one-bedroom units, 74 two-bedroom units and 20 three-bedroom units served by 278 on-site parking spaces. Project approvals include: 1) a General Plan Amendment and Rezoning of a 2.20 acre portion of the site from SFI-173, Single Family Infill General Plan designation and RI-5, Tradition Residential Infill Zoning District to MFR-175, Multi-Family Residnetial General Plan designation and RM, Multi-Family Residential Zoning District; 2) a Use Permit to authorize the use of tandem parking; and 3) a Design Review Permit to allow for the building design, retaining walls, and site layout. The project site is located on the east side of Silverato Trail approximately 750 feet north of Soscol Avenue.