

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report

Notice is hereby given that the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is available for public review and comment:

Project Title: Uptown/Town Centre Specific Plan

Project Location: West of Salinas River and north of 1st Street to the western and northern City limits

Description of the Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:

The City of Paso Robles is proposing the adoption of a Specific Plan to regulate development within the City's historic west side, which includes the downtown and uptown areas and comprises approximately 1,100 acres. The Specific Plan employs the principles of traditional neighborhood development to ensure that future development within the plan area compliments the existing small-town character of Paso Robles. The Specific Plan includes a form-based development code intended to ensure development patterns are consistent with the existing scale and character of Paso Robles. The Draft EIR evaluates the potential impacts of this proposed Specific Plan based on projected growth over the next 25-years within the Specific Plan area of 989 to 1,649 residential units (any units over 626 would require a general plan amendment), up to 200,000 square feet of retail, and 100,000 square feet of office development would occur over this 25 year period. Additionally, 20 acres of usable open space would be developed in this time period. All impacts would be less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR with the exception of consistency with the 2001 Clean Air Plan for San Luis Obispo County, as the City's General Plan forecasts population in 2015 that may exceed the population projection in the Clean Air Plan.

The City of Paso Robles is the Lead Agency for this EIR. Copies of the Draft EIR may be obtained at the following locations:

1. City of Paso Robles, Community Development Department, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Phone: (805) 237-3970; Fax (805) 237-3904; email: planning@prcity.com.
2. City's website: www.prcity.com. A link to the Draft EIR will be placed on the Community Development Page. From the Home Page, select the "Government" tab; then select "Community Development" under "Departments" on the left side of the "Government" Page. The link will appear as a "Hot Topic" on the right side of the page.
3. One or more copies of the Draft EIR will be maintained at the Reference Desk, Paso Robles Public Library, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

The review period for this Draft EIR commences on July 2, 2010 and will end on August 16, 2010, at which time all written and oral comments must be received by the City.

A public meeting at which interested persons may make oral comments will be conducted on August 10, 2010 during a regular meeting of the Planning Commission. This meeting will be held in the Library Conference Center (City Council Chambers), Paso Robles Library/City Hall, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA. The meeting will commence at 7:30 pm.

For more information on the Draft EIR, please contact: Ed Gallagher, City Planner, City of Paso Robles, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA 93446. Phone: (805) 237-3970; Fax (805) 237-3904; email: ed@prcity.com.