



# City of Palo Alto

Public Works Department

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Other Interested Parties  
**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the City of Palo Alto Public Safety Building<sup>1</sup>

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The City of Palo Alto will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed project identified below. We are interested in the views of your agency as to the appropriate scope and content of the DEIR's environmental information pertaining to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

The proposed project, its location, and its potential environmental effects are described in the attached Initial Study and Environmental Checklist.

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but **not later than 30 days** after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to the City of Palo Alto Department of Public Works Department, Engineering Division, attention: Elizabeth Ames, Senior Engineer, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94301. Please provide a contact name for your agency with your comments.

**Project Title:** City of Palo Alto Public Safety Building

**Project Applicant:** City of Palo Alto

**Project Location:** 2747 Park Boulevard and 2785 Park Boulevard, just east of the Oregon Expressway, in the City of Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California

**Project Description:** The City of Palo Alto has selected a proposed site and associated preliminary architectural design program for a new Public Safety Building. The new Public Safety Building is intended to provide consolidated space for the Palo Alto Police Department and a new state-of-the-art emergency command center.

The proposed project site is an approximately 1.51-acre, irregularly shaped lot located at 2747 Park Boulevard (0.30 acres) and 2785 Park Boulevard (1.21 acres), just east of the Oregon Expressway. The site is relatively level and bordered by Park Boulevard, Page Mill Road, and Sheridan Avenue. The site consists of two parcels. The smaller parcel lying on the west side of the site is currently developed with a single-story commercial

<sup>1</sup>References: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15163, and 15375.

structure. The larger parcel lying on the east side of the site is "L" shaped, undeveloped, and the former location of a concrete batching plant.

Up to two preliminary design schemes will be evaluated in the EIR: Schemes A and B. Each design scheme includes a site plan and corresponding building mass illustration. All two design schemes include a floor area total of approximately 52,600 square feet, with two stories above grade plus rooftop mechanical systems and associated rooftop screening atop the second story, and a primary public entrance on Park Boulevard. Scheme A includes a building coverage "footprint" of approximately 33,000 square feet and Scheme B is approximately 35,700 square feet.

Approximately 122 on-site parking spaces are anticipated, including approximately 110 parking structure spaces for Police Department and employee vehicles, and approximately 12 surface parking spaces for Police Department visitors and volunteers.

Vehicular access would be from Sheridan Avenue and Page Mill Road (Scheme A) or from Sheridan Avenue exclusively (Scheme B).

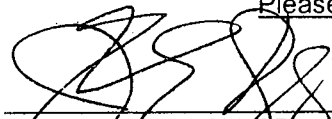
**DEIR Scope:**

The City has prepared the attached Initial Study and Environmental Checklist in CEQA-recommended format to focus the EIR on potentially significant effects.

**Notice of Scoping Meeting:**

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15082(c) (Notice of Preparation and Determination of Scope of EIR), the City will conduct a scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting the views of Santa Clara County, bordering cities, responsible agencies, agencies with jurisdiction by law, trustee agencies, interested parties requesting notice, and interested members of the public, as to the appropriate scope and content of the EIR.

The scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2007, 7:00 PM, in the Palo Alto City Hall Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto. Please contact Elizabeth Ames, Senior Engineer, for further information.



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