

Planning & Transportation Commission Staff Report (ID # 8026)

Report Type: Study Session **Meeting Date:** 5/31/2017

Summary Title: 375 Hamilton Avenue: Downtown Garage Scoping Meeting

Title: 375 Hamilton Avenue, Downtown Garage: The Planning and

Transportation Commission Will Hold a Public Scoping Meeting on the Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the Replacement of a Surface Parking Lot with Parking Structure. Public Input is Encouraged. For More Information, Please Contact Holly Boyd at

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From: Hillary Gitelman

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) take the following action(s):

1. Conduct an Environmental Review Scoping Meeting for the Public Parking Garage Project at 375 Hamilton Avenue.

Report Summary

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide interested persons an opportunity to comment on environmental issues they think the city should examine or study in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This type of meeting is referred to as a scoping meeting and while not legally required for this project, having an opportunity like this for early public consultation can be helpful to all parties.

The PTC's role in this meeting is to provide an opportunity for public comment and to offer its own perspective about issues that should be studied. Importantly, this meeting is not intended to serve as a forum for dialogue about the merits of the project. Once a planning entitlement application has been received, noticed public hearings will provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed project.

City of Palo Alto Planning & Community Environment 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301 (650) 329-2442

Background

Project Information

Owner: City of Palo Alto

Architect: Watry Design, Inc.

Representative: Holly Boyd, Public Works Senior Engineer, Project Manager

Legal Counsel: City Attorney

Property Information

Address: 375 Hamilton Avenue

Neighborhood: Downtown Business District

Lot Dimensions & Area: L-shaped lot; 29,200 square feet of surface parking lot area

Housing Inventory Site: No Located w/in a Plume: No

Protected/Heritage Trees: Yes

Historic Resource(s): Site is non-historic; adjacent is 526 Waverley Street, a Category 3

resource on the City's Historic Inventory; across Hamilton is the US

Post Office, a Category 1 and National Registered resource

Existing Improvement(s): The site is surfaced with asphalt and trees in planters or use as a

surface parking lot available to the public

Existing Land Use(s): Public Facilities - Surface parking lot

Adjacent Land Uses & Zoning:

Subject site is zoned Public Facilities; all adjacent sites are zoned

Downtown Commercial

West: 345 Hamilton, 1958 building occupied by AT&T and Excel Aviation East: 526 Waverley, a 1928 building, Category 3 historic resource recently

retail use (Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy World Inc.)

East: 550-552 Waverley, a 1952 building occupied by the Prolific Oven retail

bakery and Day One retail store,

East: 558-560 Waverley, a 1938 building housing the Tai Pan Restaurant on

the ground floor and second office space.

South: Post Office North: CVS Pharmacy

Special Setbacks:

7 feet Along Hamilton Avenue

Aerial View of Property:



Source: Google

Land Use Designation & Applicable Plans/Guidelines

Zoning Designation: Public Facilities (PF)

Comp. Plan Designation: Public Facilities

Context-Based Design: Context Based Criteria are not contained in PF regulations

Downtown Urban Design:

NA

SOFA II CAP:

NA

Planning & Community Environment Department

NA

Baylands Master Plan: NA

ECR Guidelines ('76 / '02):

Proximity to Residential Uses or Districts (150'):

Not within 150 feet of residential uses or district

Located w/in AIA

(Airport Influence Area): NA

Prior City Reviews & Action

City Council:

<u>December 2016</u>: Council directed cost and impacts analysis and directed staff to proceed with design and environmental review. The

Council staff report is viewable here:

http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/55028

<u>April 11, 2017</u>: Council provided direction on legislative approach.

The Council staff report is viewable here: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/56784

The video of the Council meeting is viewable here:

http://midpenmedia.org/city-council-123/

Council meeting minutes are viewable here: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/57557

PTC: None

HRB: None

ARB: None

Environmental Review

The subject project has been preliminarily assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The Scoping Session is an optional first stage in the environmental review process when the Lead Agency has determined an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the project. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study (IS, Attachment A) were uploaded to the City website for the project on May 8, 2017. Notice of the NOP appeared in the Palo Alto Weekly on May 12, 2017, and the Draft Initial Study was circulated to the State Clearinghouse.

Initial Study

The attached IS notes the project has the potential to result in significant impacts and that it could meet specific conditions set forth in CEQA, necessitating detailed analysis. It is possible that sufficient mitigation measures could be developed to reduce impacts to 'less than significant' levels. It is also possible that mitigation measures would not reduce impacts and that Council could consider adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

The IS identifies several topic areas needing further study, and several potential adverse impacts upon the environment; it was published on May 12, 2017. The IS notes the project as having potentially significant impacts in the following categories: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions,

Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services, Transportation and Traffic, Utilities/Service Systems, Energy, and Tribal Cultural Resources.

The Council will be the decision-making body for the project and will make the final determination with respect to the EIR. The Council may approve or deny the project. If the Council approves the project, the Council may adopt mitigation measures to lessen the identified environmental effects. Council may also consider making a statement of overriding considerations related to impacts that are not mitigated to "less than significant" status.

Public Notification, Outreach & Comments

Notice of PTC meeting and availability of the Notice of Preparation were published in the *Palo Alto Weekly* on May 12, 2017. The PTC meeting notice was again published on May 19, 2017 which is 12 days in advance of the meeting. The Public Works Department webpage for this project can be found: www.cityofpaloalto.org/downtowngarage.

Public Comments

As of the writing of this report, no project-related, public comments were received. Following submittal of a planning entitlement application, additional analysis may be required as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Notice of Preparation and Signed Initial Study (PDF)

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Department of Planning & Community Environment

California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: City of Palo Alto 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, CA 94301

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed City of Palo Alto Downtown Parking Garage at 375 Hamilton Avenue at the Northwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street.

The City of Palo Alto will be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare a project EIR for the proposed project, identified below.

AGENCIES: The City of Palo Alto requests that public agencies provide comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR as it relates to an agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project in accordance with California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Section 15082(b), if the agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City of Palo Alto when considering any permit or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATION AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The City of Palo Alto requests comments and concerns from organizations and interested parties regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Palo Alto Downtown Parking Garage

PROJECT LOCATION: 375 Hamilton Avenue; Northwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street, within the City of Alto Palo, Santa Clara County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Palo Alto (City/project applicant) proposes to construct a parking garage on an existing City-owned surface Parking Lot D to provide a net increase of 205 to 329 public parking stalls to address additional parking demand within the City's Downtown Area. The subject site is 29,200 SF in area, and has 86 existing parking spaces. Parking is currently limited to two-hour hourly parking with no permit parking provided. There are four existing access points from adjacent streets. The EIR prepared for the project would evaluate build alternatives for replacing the existing surface lot parking.

The Project includes the following primary elements:

- A new five level above ground public parking garage over one basement parking level, providing approximately 291-415 spaces, and associated site improvements.
- An approximately 3,800 SF or less single-tenant commercial shell space building fronting Waverley Street, to be used as commercial retail space for new or existing businesses.
- Other proposed options being considered include incorporating a bike station, mechanical parking system, and a photovoltaic system.

Further details about the project design are included in the Initial Study, which is available for review at the City of Palo Alto website: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/downtowngarage.

The project site's land use designation is Community Commercial (CC) in the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan. The site is zoned as Public Facilities (PF) and is located in the Downtown Business District.

Implementation of the proposed project will require approval from the City Council. As currently planned, the proposed parking garage will require changes to the zoning district ordinance to allow for the planned lot coverage, floor area, height and setbacks.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The following areas of potential significant environmental impact will be analyzed in the Draft EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soil, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services, Transportation, Utilities and Service System, and Energy. Potential cumulative impacts an alternative, including the No Project Alternative, will be evaluated. An Initial Study evaluating the project's environmental effect is available for review at the City of Palo Alto website, as noted above.

SCOPING MEETING: The City of Palo Alto will hold a scoping meeting as part of the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC)'s regularly scheduled meeting on May 31, 2017. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM and will be held at the City of Palo Alto Council Chambers, located in City Hall at 250 Hamilton Avenue. The meeting agenda will be posted to the City's website: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/ptc/default.asp.

Interested parties are welcome to attend and present environmental information or concerns that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

The NOP and related CEQA documents for this project will be available for review on the web. You can view this NOP and the Initial Study electronically at: http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/downtowngarage.

If you require additional project information, please contact Holly Boyd, Senior Engineer, Department of Public Works, at Holly.Boyd@cityofpaloalto.org.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This Notice of Preparation is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b), for 30 days. The comment period for the NOP begins May 12, 2017 and ends on June 10, 2017. Due to the 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.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency and send your

2 May 12, 2017

responses and comments to:

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Project Planner

Date

City of Palo Alto

Department of Planning & Community Environment California Environmental Quality Act CITY OF PALO ALTO

INITIAL STUDY AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

1. Project Title:

City of Palo Alto Parking Structure at 375 Hamilton

Avenue (aka Downtown Parking Garage)

2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

City of Palo Alto 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, California 94301

3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

Holly Boyd, Senior Engineer Department of Public Works Telephone: (650) 329-2612

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4. Project Location:

375 Hamilton Avenue in the Downtown Business District, Northwest corner of Hamilton Avenue and Waverley Street, within the city of Palo Alto, Santa

Clara County, California. See Figure 1.

5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:

City of Palo Alto 250 Hamilton Avenue Palo Alto, California 94301

6. General Plan Designation:

Community Commercial (CC)

7. Zoning:

Public Facilities (PF)

8. Existing Plan Area Land Uses:

The project lot is abutted by four developed sites. These include: 345 Hamilton, 1958 building occupied by AT&T and Excel Aviation (Lot 102), 526 Waverley, a 1928 building, Category 3 historic resource most recently occupied by retail use (Palo Alto Sport Shop and Toy World Inc.) (Lot 83), 550-552 Waverley, a 1952 building occupied by the Prolific Oven retail bakery and Day One retail store (Lot 84), and 558-560 Waverley, a 1938 building housing the Tai Pan Restaurant on the ground floor and second office space (Lot 85). (Shown on Figure 1) The existing parking lot serves restaurant and retail uses along Waverley Street and provides

rear-entry parking to the CVS market.

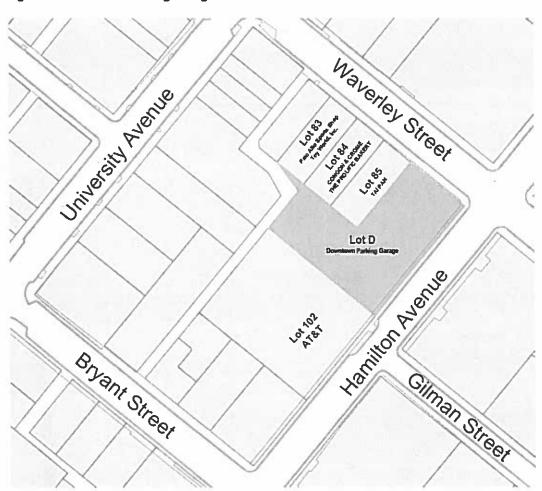


Figure 1. Downtown Parking Garage Site at 375 Hamilton Avenue

9. Description of Project:

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 Waverley Street, to be used as commercial retail space for new or existing businesses.

• Other proposed options being considered include incorporating a bike station, mechanical parking system, and a photovoltaic system.

10. Required Approvals:

■ Aesthetics

The proposed project is within the City's jurisdiction and will require approval from the City Council. As currently planned, the proposed parking garage will require changes to the zoning district ordinance to allow for the planned lot coverage, floor area, height and setbacks.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

☑ Public Services

☑ Greenhouse Gas Emissions

X	Agricultural and Forestry Resources Air Quality Biological Resources Cultural Resources Geology/Soils	X	Hazards & Hazardous Materials Hydrology/Water Quality Land Use/Planning Mineral Resources Noise Population/Housing		Recreation Transportation/Traffic Utilities/Service Systems Energy Mandatory Findings of Significance	
DET	TERMINATION:					
On	the basis of this initial eval	uati	on:			
	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.					
П	there will not be a signifi	cant	osed project COULD have a significate the court of the co	ıs in	the project have been made by	
X	I find that the proposed ENVIRONMENTAL IMPA		ect MAY have a significant effect or EPORT is required.	the	environment, and an	
	significant unless mitigated impact" on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets, if the effect is a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated impact." An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects					
	because all potentially si	orop ignif	osed project COULD have a significa icant effects (1) have been analyzed rsuant to applicable standards, and	d ade	equately in an earlier EIR or	

pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

Date:_5/4/17

Prepared by:

Signature:

Lorraine Ahlquist, Environmental

Manager

WPS/ Parsons Brinckerhoff

Reviewed by:

Signature:

Amy French, Chief Planning Official

City of Palo Alto

Potentially with Less Than Significant Mitigation Significant No **Impact** Incorporated Impact **Impact ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** 1. **AESTHETICS.** Would the project: X a) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the area and its surroundings? The project site and immediate vicinity include commercial buildings, including listed historic resources, and parking lots similar to the proposed project. There are no impacts anticipated on visual characteristics or scenic quality of surrounding area. There are different perspectives on compatibility of new buildings with existing architectural context. \times b) Significantly alter public viewsheds or view corridors or scenic resources (such as trees, rocks, outcroppings or historic buildings) along a scenic highway? There are no scenic routes or resources located in the project area. The project is located in the City downtown area in an area with similar land use. The project will not demolish or replace existing buildings, but will remove existing protected trees. There are no direct impacts anticipated on public viewsheds, scenic resources or historic buildings. П X c) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? It is not anticipated that the project would result in the addition of lights and glare as a result of the vehicles head lights and interior building lights. It is anticipated that light and glare from the project would be less than significant. \times d) Substantially shadow public open space (other than public streets and adjacent sidewalks) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. from September 21 to March 21?

Less Than Significant

Potentially Significant Impact

Significant with Mitigation Incorporated

Less Than Significant **Impact**

No Impact

The project would replace a surface parking lot with a five story parking garage building. There are not any open spaces within the project area. The project would not result in shadow impact on the public open space.

II. AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY RESOURCES. (In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board.) Would the project:

> a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?

As documented on the California Resources Agency Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program maps, the project is located in an area designated as Urban and Built-Up Land. The project would not convert any Farmland to non-agricultural use.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

The project site is zoned and used as Downtown Commercial District (Pedestrian Shopping). The project does not conflict with any zoning for agricultural use or Williamson Act contract.

X

X

City of Palo Alto Downtown Parking Garage

	6) Si	Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?				⊠
	The project site is zoned and used as Downtown Commercial District (Pedestrian Shopping). The project does not conflict with any zoning of forest land, or timberland and timberland production.			es =	
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
	There is no forest land in the project area. The project coverts existing parking lot to a parking garage, and would not result in the conversion of forest land to non-forest use.	**			
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				X
	There is no farmland or forest land within or near the project site. The proposed project does not involve any changes which would directly or indirectly result in conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use.				
crit ma be	t QUALITY. (Where available, the significance teria established by the applicable air quality magement or air pollution control district may relied upon to make the following terminations.) Would the project:		×		
a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? (such as the Bay Area Clean Air Plan)	X			
	There is a potential for air quality impacts as a result of the project. The consistency of the proposed project implementation with adopted, applicable air quality plans will be				

III.

	4	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impaci
	evaluated in the EIR.				
b)	Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	X			
	There is a potential for increased emissions from the project activities and uses such as increased vehicle traffic, and building equipment operation. These activities could result in exceeding Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) significant thresholds for pollutants of concern such as particulate matter 10 microns or smaller in diameter (PM10) and 2.5 microns or smaller in diameter (PM2.5). The project may also result in emission of reactive organic gases (ROG) and nitrogen oxides (NOX), which are precursors to ozone. There are also potential air quality impacts as a result of project construction activities. The potential of the project to violate air quality standards or contribute to existing or projected air quality violation due to construction activities and operation will be addressed in the EIR.				
c)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	X			
	The EIR will address individual and cumulative impacts on criteria pollutants for which the project region is non-attainment as described under question III.b above.				
d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	X			
	The project has the potential to expose sensitive receptors, if the air quality analysis determined that the project would contribute to substantial increase in pollutants in the project area. Impacts on sensitive receptors will be addressed in the FIR.				

			Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			X	
		It is not anticipated that the added number of vehicles using the site for parking would create minimal increase in objectionable odors affecting people. Construction equipment may create objectionable odors for short periods that would affect people in the immediate vicinity of the project area. The project is not anticipated to create objectionable odors affecting substantial number of people.				
IV.	BIC	DLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
	a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	X			
		The project will be constructed on a site that consists of a paved parking lot. However, a few mature trees may be removed to allow for the construction of the garage building. Trees could provide nesting habitat for raptors and other migratory birds. The EIR would evaluate the project area to identify the presence of any bird species that are considered as candidates, sensitive, or special status species by the CDFG, and USFWS. The	â a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a			
		EIR would also evaluate the project compliance with the state and federal Endangered Species Act, as well as, and also species protection under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and further protection of raptor nests under Section 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game Code.				
	b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				×

Significant Potentially with Less Than Significant Significant Mitigation No *impact* Incorporated Impact Impact There are no riparian habitats or species protection under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and further protection of raptor nests under Section 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game Code. c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally \times protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? Wetlands are areas that periodically or permanently covered with ground water and support vegetation adapted to life in saturated soil. Wetlands could support fish and wildlife, function as stormwater storage and flood areas, and potentially ground water recharge. According to the National Wetland Inventory for surface waters and wetlands, there are no waters or wetlands within the project area. There are no wetlands within the project area, and it is anticipated that the project would not have impacts on wetlands in any means. $|\mathbf{X}|$ d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? The only wildlife anticipated to be present within the project area is wildlife associated with built urban environment for commercial uses. Wildlife may include rodents, and other small animals not restricted by the type of developments in the project area. Trees in the project area provide nesting habitats for native and migratory birds. It is anticipated that the project would have less than significant impacts as a result of interference with wildlife movement. e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances \boxtimes protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	The project includes removal of protected trees and would be subject to the City tree removal ordinances. A survey of the affected trees would be completed for the EIR. The EIR would include applicable tree preservation/ replacement measures as required by regulations. One-one replacement on the site may not be feasible.				
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved, local, regional, or State habitat conservation plan?				⊠
	There is no Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other adopted habitat conservation plan applicable to the project site.				
CU	LTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
a)	Adversely affect a historic resource listed or eligible for listing on the National and/or California Register, or listed on the City's Historic Inventory?		X		
	The City of Palo Alto inventory of downtown area shows several historic buildings within close proximity of the project area. The most prominent building is the U.S Post Office located across the street from the project site, which is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. However, it is not anticipated that the project would affect the post office building. The adjacent building located at 526 Waverley Street is listed on the City's Historic Inventory as a Category 3 historic resource. Other adjacent buildings are more than 50 years old and are therefore potentially eligible for listing. The EIR would address the proximity of the historic properties and any required measures to avoid impacts to these resources.				
ь)	Eliminate important examples of major periods of California history or prehistory?		X		
	Excavation would be required for the		×		

V.

Potentially with Less Than Significant Mitigation Significant No Impact Incorporated Impact Impact construction of the project. Alternative C would require excavation of significant depth. Previous construction at the project site and nearby sites would likely have disturbed archeological sites. However, considering the depth of excavation required for the project, there is a potential to disrupt, alter, or eliminate undiscovered archeological resources. The EIR would address any measures required to avoid impacts on potential archeological resources. c) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5? See response to question V.b above. × d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries? The project could potentially disrupt, alter, or eliminate undiscovered archaeological resources, potentially including Native American remains. The EIR would evaluate this issue to address necessary measures for the potential of the project disturbing any human remains. e) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique X paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? Previous land development of the site would likely have disturbed or removed paleontological resources that may have existed. However, due to the excavation work required for the construction of the project, the project could have the potential to disrupt, alter, or eliminate as-yet undiscovered paleontological resources. The EIR would evaluate this issue to address necessary measures for the potential of the project disturbing or destroying any paleontological resources. X f) Directly or indirectly destroy a local cultural resource that is recognized by City Council resolution?

Less Than Significant

		Potentially Significant Impact	Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
	See response to question V.a and b above.				
g)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, or cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American Tribe, and that is:	[†] -		X	
	1) a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American Tribe, that is listed or eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources, or on a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or				
	2) a resource determined by a lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant according to the historical register criteria in Public Resources Code section 5024.1 (c), and considering the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.				
GE	OLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:				
a)	Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
	i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)	73		X	
	According to Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map for the Palo Alto 7.5 Minute Quadrangle Map, there are no mapped faults within or adjacent to the project site, nor is the project site within				

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iv) Landslides?		X		
The topography within the project area is flat. Landslide considerations are limited to stability of excavations for construction of the project. This issue will be evaluated for the various project alternatives and addressed in the EIR and during the design phase of the project.) i
v) Expansive soils?		×		
A study of the characterization and consideration of site-specific geologic and soils conditions would be prepared for the project and addressed in the EIR. Project specific soil test would be performed to provide information regarding subsurface geology, ground-water levels, and the engineering characteristics of soils in the project area.		A. Se		
State and local planning, building, and engineering regulations will also be considered in addressing structures, excavation, foundations, retaining walls, and grading activities. The EIR will describe recommendations to mitigate effects of soils types and related factors in the design of the project.				
Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?		X		
Project construction would involve grading, excavation, or other activities that could temporarily expose disturbed soils to erosion. The EIR will address the potential for erosion that could occur during construction activities, and applicable best management practices according to the City and state regulations.	*			
Best management will also be implemented as part of measures to avoid and minimize effects of soil erosion on water quality. See Hydrology and Water Quality section.				

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c)	Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?		X		
	See response to question VI.a. and VI.a.v. above.		89		
d)	Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?		⊠		
	See response to question VI.a.v above.				
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	0	7.		X
	No use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems is proposed for the project site. The proposed project would have no impact related to the capacity of local soils to effectively accommodate septic systems.				
f)	Expose people or property to major geologic hazards that cannot be mitigated through the use of standard engineering design and seismic safety techniques?		X	<u> </u>	
	It is not anticipated that the project would expose people and property to major geological hazards that cannot be mitigated with consideration of all applicable engineering design and seismic safety techniques				
	REENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. Would the oject:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	X			
	Greenhouse gas emissions would increase at				

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d)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment from existing hazardous materials contamination by exposing future occupants or users of the site to contamination either in excess of ground soil and groundwater cleanup goals developed for the site or from the location on listed hazardous materials sites complied pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5?		X		
	The project is located in an area that has been developed with various commercial land uses. The EIR will investigate the presence of existing hazardous material and potential contamination of soil and ground water in the project area. If contamination is identified, the EIR will address all necessary measures to avoid exposure of the public or the environment to hazardous material.				
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?		- ₍₁		X
	The project is not located within, or two miles from land designated or used as airport land.				
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
	See response to question VIII.d above.				
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		X		
	The project would not result in changes to the roadway and transportation system and would not create physical changes that would interfere with emergency response or evacuation plans.				
	The EIR would evaluate impacts on traffic and				

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	potential road closures during construction, as well as measures to avoid impacts to emergency services.				
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?		о		X
	According to the Santa Clara County Fire Hazards Map, the City of Palo Alto is not in a moderate, high, or very high fuel hazard zone. The project site and vicinity are built environments largely devoid of wildfire-prone vegetation.				ä
	DROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the iject:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?		X		
	The existing site for the proposed project is a paved parking lot. It is not anticipated that the project would have a significant increase to impervious surface subject to storm water impacts. A stormwater control plan will be prepared to address existing untreated storm water and any potential future effects on storm water facilities. The plan would identify required measures to meet standards and requirements of the NPDES permit. The plan would address the operation and maintenance of the stormwater facilities.				
	The proposed project would be constructed on a lot size less than one acre. If the construction activities would disturb more than one acre, the project would require submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the RWQB before start of construction. This would also require the implementation of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) containing Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction. The EIR will evaluate potential impacts on water quality as a result of the operation and construction of the project.				

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b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?			X	
	The project does not result in the use of groundwater and would not affect groundwater recharge. Dewatering during construction may be addressed with standard approval conditions.				
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern (increase the rate, volume, or flow duration of storm water runoff) of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in new or increased flooding on or off-site?				X
	It is not anticipated that the project would increase the rate, volume or flow duration of stormwater runoffs. The project does not propose to alter courses of streams or rivers.				
d)	Result in stream bank instability?				X
	The project site is not located near a stream.				
e)	Significantly alter the existing drainage pattern (increase the rate, volume, or flow duration) of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?		团		
	The project would not result in significant increase in rate, volume, or flow duration of stormwater runoff. The stormwater system in the project area would be evaluated to address needed drainage improvements and potential for on- or off-site flooding.				

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f)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?		区		
	See response to questions IX.a and IX.e above.				
g)	Provide substantial additional sources of pollutants associated with urban runoff or otherwise substantially degrade water quality?		X		
	See response to questions IX.a and IX.e above.				
h)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	X			
	Although Palo Alto contains no areas within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map, the EIR would evaluate adequacy of the storm drains to handle potential localized flooding during storm events. In addition, due to the proximity of the project area to the San Francisco Bay region, the EIR will address potential impacts on the project from global climate change on the rise of sea levels.				
i)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				☒
	The project is not located in 100-year flood hazard area, and does not propose the construction of a structure that would impede or direct flows.				
j)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	X			
	The project does not propose the				

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	construction of housing or other developments within a 100-years flood hazard area.	¥I			
	According to the EIR prepared for the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Update, the project area is within Dam Inundation area for Lake Lagunita, and possibly Searsville Lake. The EIR will address potential impacts from dam failure on inundation area.	•			
ŀ	k) Result in inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X
	A seiche is a tidal change in an enclosed or semi-enclosed water body caused by sustained high winds or an earthquake. A tsunami is a series of waves created when a body of water such as an ocean is rapidly displaced on a massive scale, most common as the result of an earthquake. Palo Alto is				
	not in a tsunami/seiche area or area susceptible to a mudflow. There is no impact anticipated on the project area from seiche tsunami or mudflow.				
	LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project: a) Physically divide an established community:	? 🗆			X
	The project is located within the commercial developed downtown area of the City and does not include residential use. It is not anticipated that the project would physicall divide an established community	·			
	b) Conflict with any applicable City land use pland policy, or regulation (including not limited to the Comprehensive Plan, CAP, or the City's Zoning Ordinances adopted for the purpose avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.	o			
	i) Substantially adversely change the type intensity of existing o planned land use patterns in area?	of			
	The project would increase the number parking spaces available in the downtow area to meet the existing need for parking	vn			

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The project is compatible with existing land use designation (community commercial) but seeks zoning code changes to allow for greater intensity of use beyond existing development standards of the Public Facilities zoning designation. A text amendment to the Public Facilities zone district will be proposed as part of this project. It is not anticipated to change the type and intensity of existing or planned land use pattern in the area. The EIR would evaluate the project plans in relationship to the City adopted comprehensive plan to demonstrate compatibility with the City plan for the project and surrounding area.

 ii) Be incompatible with adjacent land uses or with the general character of the surrounding area, including density and building height.

The building height and character of the building would be evaluated for compatibility with the general character of the surrounding area. Some may view as incompatible with general character, density and building height given the five story parking garage would be next to a Category 3 resource and across the street from a low-profile National Register historic resource. See response to question Xb above.

iii) Conflict with established residential, recreational, religious, or scientific uses of an area?

The project provides additional parking facilities to accommodate commercial and other facilities and services available in the project area.

c) Conflict with an applicable habitat conversation or natural community conversation plan?

There is no habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan in this project area.

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XI.	MII	NERAL RESOURCES. Would the project:				
	a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
		The project is located in an area developed and designated for commercial land use. The project would not result in the loss of land with known mineral resources.				
	b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?				X
		See response to question XI.a above.				
XII.	NO	DISE. Would the project result in:				
		a) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive ground borne vibrations or ground borne noise levels?		X		
		Construction activities would result in excessive ground born vibration and noise levels. Impacts would be temporary and for short periods during equipment operation for construction activities such as and demolition and excavation.				
		b) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or the municipal code, State standards, or applicable standards of other agencies, including but not limited to:		a.	×	
		i) Result in indoor noise levels for residential development to exceed an Ldn of 45 dB?				
		There is no residential development within the immediate project area; housing units are found along Waverley Street one block south of the project. The project is not anticipated to have long-term noise impacts on residents.				
		ii) Result in instantaneous noise levels of				

50dB or more in a bedroom or 55 dB or

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	f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X
		See response to question XII.d above.				
XIII.		PULATION AND HOUSING. Would the project: Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?			0	X
		The proposed project accommodates the need for additional parking in a built out area that includes businesses and other public facilities. The project does not propose improvements that would result in population growth either directly or indirectly.				
	b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				×
		The project is replacing an existing parking lot. The project would not result in displacing any number of houses or requires the construction of replacement housing.				
	c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
		See response to question XIII.a and XII.b above.				
	d)	Create a substantial imbalance between employed residents and jobs?				×
		The project improvements would not result in any changes to the existing employment and housing conditions, and would not create imbalance between employed residents and jobs.				

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	See response to question XVI.a above.				
c)	Cause a freeway segment or ramp to operate at LOS F or contribute traffic in excess of 1 percent of segment capacity to a freeway segment or ramp already operating at LOS F?				×
	The project is not located near a freeway, and would not generate additional trips that might contribute to any segments of freeway traffic.				
d)	Impede the development or function of planned pedestrian or bicycle facilities?		X		
	It is not anticipated that the project would impede the development of function of planned pedestrian or bicycle facilities. The project. The project would impact the existing facilities during construction. This impact would be evaluated in the EIR.				
e)	Increase demand for pedestrian and bicycle facilities that cannot be met by current or planned services.	-		図	
	It is not anticipated that the project would increase demand for pedestrian and bicycle facilities that cannot be met by current services.				
f)	Impede the operation of a transit system as a result of congestion or otherwise decrease the performance of safety of such facilities?			X	
	The project is located approximately half a mile from the Palo Alto Transit Center/ Station. The EIR would evaluate impacts on the operation of the transit system.		9		
g)	Create demand for transit services that cannot be met by current or planned services?				×
	The project would not generate new demand for transit services.				

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h)	Create the potential demand for through traffic to use local residential streets?			X	
	As part of the evaluation of traffic impacts, the EIR will evaluate potential impacts on roadways and intersections located in residential areas close to the project area.				
i)	Cause any change in traffic that would increase the Traffic Infusion on Residential Environment (TIRE) index by 0.1 or more?			X	
	See response to question XVI.h above.				
j)	Create an operational safety hazard?			X	
	The EIR will evaluate the project impact of traffic and circulation in relation to potential effects on operational safety hazards.				
k)	Result in inadequate emergency access?			×	
	See response to question XVI.j above.				
1)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
	It is anticipated that the project would not have impacts on air traffic.		e ^{t v}		
m)	Cause queuing impacts based on a comparative analysis between the design queue length and the available queue storage capacity? Queuing impacts include, but are not limited to, spillback queues at project access locations; queues at turn lanes at intersections that block through traffic; queues at lane drops; queues at one intersection that extend back to impact other intersections, and spillback queues on ramps.	X			
	The EIR will evaluate potential queuing impacts resulting from the project.				

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XVII.		LITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the ject:				
	a)	Need new or expanded entitlements to water supply?				X
		The project would connect to the existing City facilities and would not result in new or expanded entitlements to water supply.			~	
	b)	Result in adverse physical impacts from new or expanded utility facilities due to increased use as a result of the project?			X	
		The project would connect to the existing City facilities and would not result in new or expanded utility facilities.				
	c)	Result in a substantial physical deterioration of a utility facility due to increased use as a result of the project?				X
		It is not anticipated that the project would result in deterioration of utility facilities due increased use.				
	d)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
		It is not anticipated that the project would result in exceeding wastewater treatment requirements. The construction and operation of the project would be subject to all applicable regional and local water quality standards and regulations.				
	e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	0		X	
		See response to question XVII.d above.				
	f)	Would the project require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could		X		
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	cause significant environmental effects?			,	,
	The project may result in the design and construction of new storm water drainage facilities. It is not however, anticipated that the redesign and construction of the facilities would cause significant effect on the environment.				
g)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?		X		
	The project may result in the design and construction of new storm water drainage facilities. It is not however, anticipated that the redesign and construction of the facilities would cause significant effect on the environment.				
h)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?		• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	X	
	The operation of the parking garage would not result in significant impacts that would affect capacity of landfills in order to accommodate the project. Construction of the project may result in one time need to dispose of material resulting from excavation and pavement removal of the existing parking lot. The construction impact on landfills will be addressed in the EIR.				
i)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				X
	The proposed project would comply with all federal, State, and local statues and regulations related to solid waste.		74		1.00
j)	Result in a substantial increase in natural gas and electrical service demands that would require the new construction of energy supply facilities and distribution infrastructure or capacity enhancing alterations to existing facilities?	о V.		X	

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The project proposes to include accommodations for the use of vehicles run by natural gas or electricity. The additional demand of electrical and natural gas demand and impact on energy consumption created by the project would be evaluated in the EIR.

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ENI	ERGY				
a)	Have an energy impact? Energy impacts may include:			×	
	i) Impacts resulting from amount and fuel type used for each stage of the project				
	ii) Impacts on local and regional energy supplies and on requirements for additional capacity				
	iii) Impacts on peak and base period demands for electricity and other forms of energy				
	iv) Impacts to energy resources				
	v) Impacts resulting from the project's projected transportation energy use requirements				
	See response to question XVII.j above.				
ΧIX	MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.				
a)	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?			X	
b)	Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a	Ø	0	0	

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	project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				
c)	Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	X			