

Notice of Public Hearing and Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Downtown Specific Plan Project

The City of Roseville, as lead agency, hereby provides **PUBLIC NOTICE** that the Downtown Specific Plan (DTSP) and associated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) is available for public review.

Project Description and Location: The proposed project is implementation of the Downtown Roseville Specific Plan in a 176-acre area comprised of the existing Historic Old Town, Vernon Street Civic Core, and Royer and Saugstad Park. The proposed project area encompasses an infill area completely surrounded by built-out neighborhoods and the Union Pacific Railyard in central Roseville, California. The Plan would establish the appropriate distribution, mix, intensity, physical form, and functional relationships of land uses in the Downtown area to encourage and facilitate infill development, mixed-use, pedestrian scale, urban amenities, transit use, creative design, and general revitalization of the Downtown area. In addition, the Plan establishes policies for pedestrian movement, alternative transportation facilities, transit routes, vehicle traffic, and parking within the Downtown area. Lastly, the Plan would implement improvements related to connectivity, place making, and creek restoration and flood conveyance identified in the Royer/Saugstad Park Master Plan. Actions to be considered with the project include General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Sign Ordinance Amendment, Noise Ordinance Amendment, Community Design Guidelines document amendment, and Tree Permit.

Public Hearings: The Downtown Specific Plan will be heard and public comments received at the **Design Committee** meeting on **February 19, 2009, beginning at 4:30 P.M.** in the Civic Center Meeting Rooms (311 Vernon Street, Roseville CA). Additional public hearings have been tentatively scheduled and specific dates, times and locations are as follows:

Planning Commission (PC) – February 26, 2009, 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers
City Council (CC) – April 1, 2009, 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers

All hearing locations are within the Roseville Civic Center, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville CA 95678. Interested parties should confirm meeting dates and times by calling the Planning Department at (916) 774-5276.

CEQA Review: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was made available for a 53-day public review period beginning **December 23, 2008 and closing February 13, 2009**. The DEIR examined the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the following areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities Systems. In addition, the DEIR recommended general plan policies and mitigation measures to reduce project impacts to less than significant levels, where feasible. The proposed project could generate potentially significant impacts in the areas of cultural resources, transportation/traffic, noise and air quality.

All written comments on the DEIR must be submitted to Terri Shirhall, Administrative Analyst, Roseville Planning & Redevelopment Department, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville CA 95678. Oral testimony on the DEIR may be provided at the Planning Commission public hearing. Tentatively on April 1, 2009 the final EIR and project will be presented to the City Council to consider EIR certification and project approval.

Document Availability: The DTSP and DEIR is available for review at the following locations: City of Roseville Permit Center (311 Vernon Street), Roseville Main Library (225 Taylor Street), Maidu Branch Library (1530 Maidu Drive), Martha Riley Library (1501 Pleasant Grove Boulevard) and on the City's website at www.roseville.ca.us/downtown

Contact: Comments or questions on the DTSP should be directed to Kevin Payne, Assistant Director, or Gina LaTorra, Associate Planner, in the Roseville Planning & Redevelopment Department, 311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678, kpayne@roseville.ca.us or glatorra@roseville.ca.us or (916) 774-5276.