

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (SCH No. 2018091021)

As the lead agency overseeing the project's environmental review, the City of Long Beach initiated the preparation of an EIR/EIS to determine the nature and extent of the proposed project's impact on the environment. An EIR/EIS also identifies ways to reduce environmental effects and analyzes reasonable alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15087(a), this notice has been prepared to advise that the City of Long Beach has completed a Draft EIR/EIS for the proposed project listed above and described below. The Draft EIR/EIS is available for public review.

PROPOSED PROJECT TITLE: Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Long Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: The Plan Area is located in the central portion of the City of Long Beach. The Plan Area totals approximately 437 acres. Cherry Avenue and Spring Street form its central unifying spines. The historic California Heights District and the Bixby Knolls neighborhood are located to the west of Cherry Avenue. To the east of the Plan Area is the Long Beach Airport, and on the opposite site of the airport is the Skylinks Golf Courses and the Long Beach City College Liberal Arts Campus.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan (GCSP) would guide land uses for the approximately 437-acre Plan Area and allow development within this Plan Area as defined in the GCSP. The GCSP creates a policy framework for the development and improvement of the Plan Area into an employment district in an area adjacent to the Long Beach Airport, Port of Long Beach, I-405 (San Diego Freeway), and surrounding residential and business community.

The GCSP assigns appropriate land use districts for land properties within the Plan Area, including six development districts and two overlay zones: Business Park, Community Commercial, Industrial Commercial, General Industrial, Airport, Open Space, Cherry Avenue Overlay Zone, and Airport Environs Overlay Zone. The GCSP establishes a land use and mobility plan, land use and development regulations, urban design guidelines, infrastructure systems, and implementation and administration necessary to becoming a flexible commercial and industrial district in the City. No residential component is included in the GCSP.

There are a number of sites and facilities in the Plan Area that are listed in hazardous materials sites databases enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. However, as

detailed in the EIR/EIS, mitigation measures are proposed to reduce potential health risks to less than significant.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The Draft EIR/EIS has determined that the Proposed Project would result in significant and unavoidable environmental impacts to air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation. The Proposed Project would also have the potential for significant environmental impacts in the area of aesthetics, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems; mitigation measures have been included to reduce these impacts to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period during which the City of Long Beach will receive written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS is:

Beginning: Monday, August 3, 2020

Ending: Thursday, September 17, 2020

The City will accept written comments only during the public comment period. Comments must be submitted via letter or email to the contact below. Comments made via other means, including social media or delivered to other recipients will not be accepted or considered. The City of Long Beach must receive all written comments related to the Draft EIR/EIS no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

Department of Development Services, Planning Bureau
Attn: Maryanne Cronin, Planner
411 West Ocean Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802

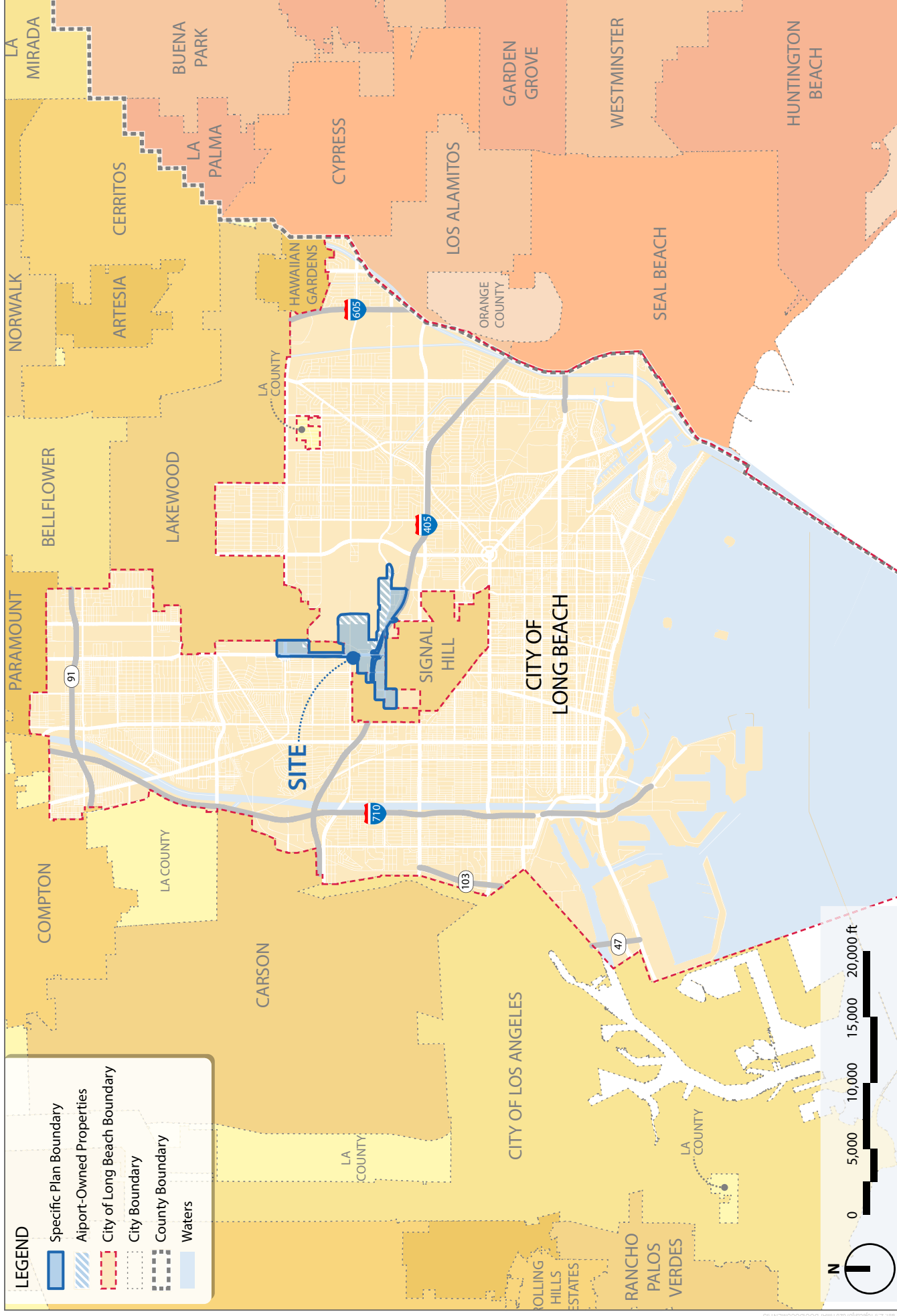
DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Due to the State of Emergency declared by local, state, and federal authorities, the EIR/EIS is being made available in only electronic format. Physical copies are not available at libraries or offices due to those facilities currently being closed.

Online: <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>

The current draft of the GCSP may be viewed online at:

<http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/globemaster-corridor-specific-plan/>

If you require additional information about this environmental document, please contact Maryanne Cronin at LBDS-EIR-Comments@longbeach.gov.



SOURCE: John Kaliski Architects 2016

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FIGURE 2-1
Regional Context

Globemaster Corridor Specific Plan Draft PEIR/PEIS

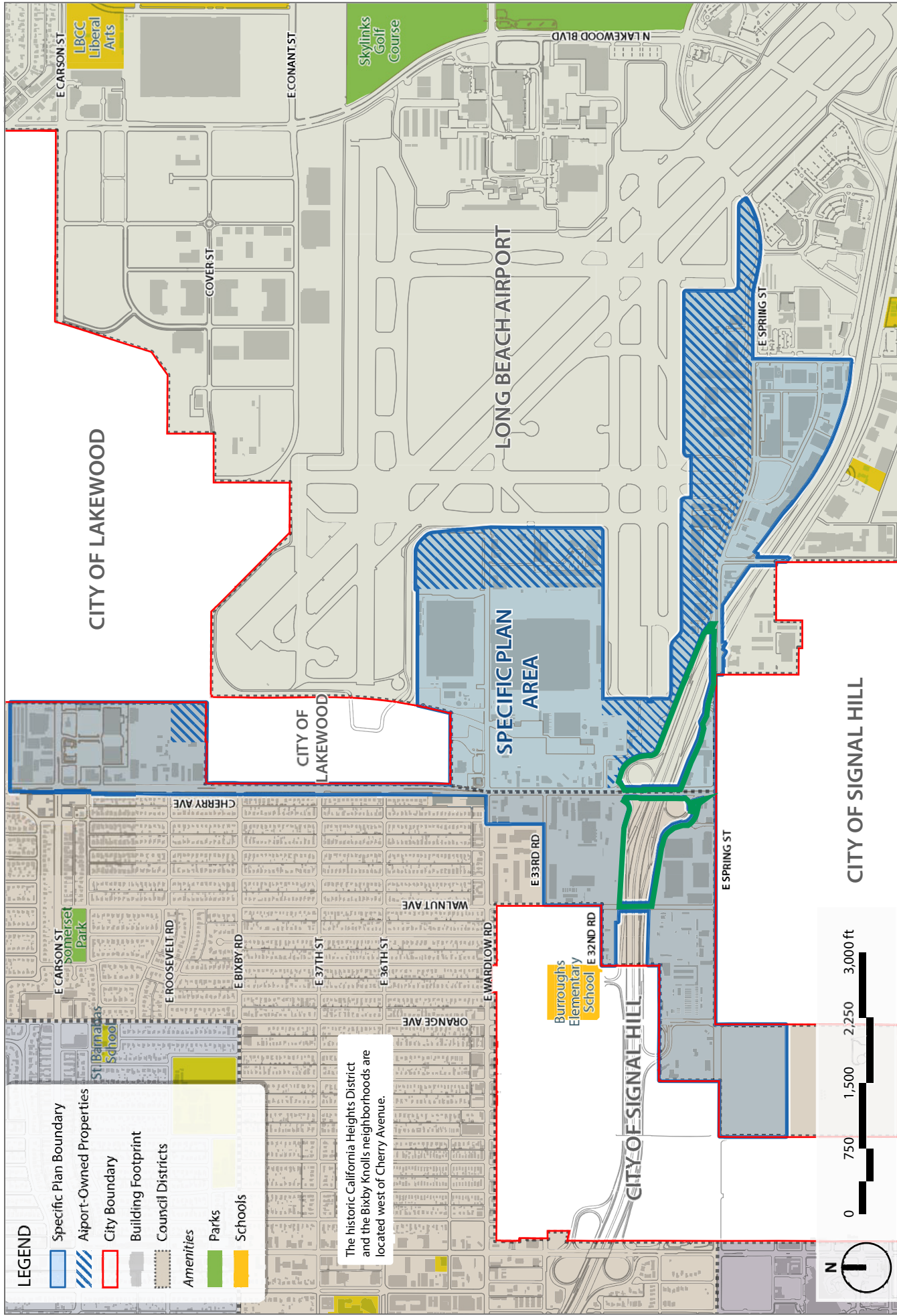


FIGURE 2-2

Local Context

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