Notice of Availability of Supplemental Information and Additional Public Hearing Related to the Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report for the California Department of General Services Capitol Annex Project

The California Department of General Services (DGS) released the Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report (Draft REIR) for the Capitol Annex Project for public review and comment on April 7, 2023, with the public review period ending on May 26, 2023.

This notice informs the public and interested parties that supplemental information regarding the project has been made available. Visual renderings showing the new visitor/welcome center have been added as an appendix to the Draft REIR. In addition, minor technical edits have been made to the Draft REIR itself. The updated Draft REIR has been posted to the DGS website at http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA. A copy of the updated Draft REIR is also available for review at the Department of General Services, Environmental Services Section, 707 3rd Street, 4th Floor, West Sacramento, CA between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM and at the Sacramento Central Library at 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA during library hours.

The Capitol Annex Project has not changed and involves three primary components: (1) construction of a new Annex in place of the existing Capitol Annex east of the Historic Capitol, (2) construction of a new underground parking garage east of the new Annex, and (3) construction of a new visitor/welcome center on the west side of the Historic Capitol at 1315 10th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Draft REIR continues to identify significant impacts to historical resources.

The supplemental information does not constitute "significant new information" requiring recirculation of the REIR (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5) but simply clarifies information already included in the Draft REIR. However, to provide the public and interested parties with sufficient time to review the supplemental information and determine whether this clarifying information would influence their comments on the Draft REIR, the public review period for the Draft REIR has been extended to June 15, 2023 to allow for a full 45 day review period from the date of posting of this notice (May 1, 2023). Written comments on the Draft REIR will be accepted by DGS through 5:00 PM on June 15, 2023. Comments may be provided via the same means identified in past notices (Notice of Availability [NOA] provided at http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA).

Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21189.55 requires that, for the Capitol Annex Project, "[w]ithin 10 days before the close of the public comment period, the lead agency shall hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the draft environmental impact report." With the extension of the public review period to June 15, 2023, the already scheduled and noticed public hearing on May 16, 2023 no longer occurs within 10 days of the close of the comment period. Therefore, an additional public hearing has been scheduled for June 6, 2023. The originally scheduled May 16, 2023 public hearing will be held as planned from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, located at 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814, in the East Room. The additional June 6, 2023 public hearing will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the same location, the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, located at 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814, in the East Room.

Comments on the Draft REIR, or any questions on the matters addressed in this notice can be provided to:

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