Environmental Hearing Officer Hearing/
Scoping Meeting
Draft Environmental Impact Report
South Storke Road Widening Project
May 3, 2017
Agenda

• Introductions & Hearing/Meeting Objectives
• Description of the Proposed Project
• Approach to the Proposed Project’s Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
• Overview of the Proposed Project’s Environmental Review Process
• Anticipated Schedule & Future Public Input Opportunities
• Submittal of Written Comments on Scope of the EIR
• Adjournment
Introductions & Hearing/Meeting Objectives

• City of Goleta Project Staff
  • Jon Turner, Project Manager, Public Works Department

• EIR Preparer
  • Sue Walker, Project Manager, Aspen Environmental Group

• Hearing/Meeting Objectives
  • Solicit Public and Agency Comments on the Content of the EIR
Description of the Proposed Project

• Proposed Project Location

• Proposed Project Objectives
  • Improve Existing and Anticipated Traffic Volumes Along South Storke Road
  • Support/Implement City’s Transportation Element
  • Support City’s Land Use Element
Description of the Proposed Project (Cont.)

• Proposed Project Construction
  • 31,200 Square Feet (0.72 Acres) Temporary Disturbances
  • 1,220 Square Feet (0.26 Acres) Permanent Disturbances
  • 4 Month Construction Schedule
  • BMPs for Avoidance of Wetland Areas and ESHA Located Adjacent to Sierra Madre Housing Complex
Design of the Proposed Project (Phelps to Whittier Drive)

• West Side
  • No Change to Right of Way Width

• East Side
  • No Change to Right of Way Width

• North-Bound Features
  • Two Vehicle Lanes: 11 Feet in Width
  • Bike Lane: 5 Feet in Width
  • Sidewalk (East Side): 5 Feet in Width

• Median Planter: Varies in Width

• Parkway Planter: Modified to Accommodate the Vehicle Lanes
Design of the Proposed Project (Whittier Drive to Sierra Madre Court)

• West Side
  • Curb matches Sierra Madre Court and Whittier Drive Curb Alignments
  • 2:1 Slope

• South-Bound Features
  • Two Vehicle Lanes: 11 Feet in Width
  • Bike Lane: 8 Feet in Width
  • Sidewalk (West Side): 8 Feet in Width

• North-Bound Features
  • Two Vehicle Lanes: 11 Feet in Width
  • Bike Lane: 5 Feet in Width
  • Sidewalk (East Side): 5 Feet in Width

• Median Planter: 6 Feet in Width
• No Parkway Planter
Design of the Proposed Project (Cont.)
Approach to the Proposed Project’s EIR

- Technical Approach Premised on Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines (Environmental Checklist Form)

- Focus of EIR Anticipated to Include:
  - Aesthetics
  - Air Quality
  - Biological Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Geology/Soils
  - Hydrology/Water Quality
  - Land Use/Planning
  - Noise
  - Transportation/Traffic
  - Tribal Cultural Resources

Geology/Soils
Approach to the Proposed Project’s EIR (Cont.)

• Identified Alternatives to the Proposed Project:
  • No Project Alternative (Alternative 1)
  • Wider Southbound Vehicle Lanes and Retaining Wall Alternative (Alternative 2)
  • Wider Southbound Vehicle Lanes, Retaining Wall and Culvert Bridge Alternative (Alternative 3)
  • Narrower Southbound Sidewalk and Bike Lane Plus Retaining Wall Alternative (Alternative 4)
  • Wider Southbound Vehicle Lanes and Decreased Slope on West Side Alternative (Alternative 5)
  • Wider South- and Northbound Vehicle Lanes, Wider Northbound Sidewalk and Bike Lane Plus Decreased Slope on West Side Alternative (Alternative 6)
Alternative 2

- West curb matches Sierra Madre Ct. & existing Storke Rd. at Whittier Dr.
- Retaining wall on west side (on Right-of-Way)
- West sidewalk 8'
- South bound bike lane 8'
- South bound lanes 12'
- Median planter 4'
- North bound lanes 11'
- North bound bike lane 5'
- North bound sidewalk 5'
Alternative 3

Alt. 3 is the same as Alt.2, but new bridge replaces storm drain

- West curb matches Sierra Madre Ct. & existing Storke Rd. at Whittier Dr.
- Retaining wall on west side (on Right-of-Way)
- West sidewalk 8'
- South bound bike lane 8'
- South bound lanes 12'
- Median planter 4'
- North bound lanes 11'
- North bound bike lane 5'
- North bound sidewalk 5'
Alternative 4

This alternative includes a narrower west side bikelane and sidewalk than the other alternatives.

- Retaining wall on west side
- West sidewalk 6’
- South bound bike lane 5’
- South bound lanes 11’
- Median planter 4’
- North bound lanes 11’
- North bound bike lane 5’
- North bound sidewalk 5’
Alternative 5

Similar to Alternative 1, except proposes 12-foot wide southbound lanes, rather than 11-foot lanes.

- 1.5:1 slope on west side
- West sidewalk 8'
- South bound bike lane 8'
- South bound lanes 12'
- Median planter 4'
- North bound lanes 11'
- North bound bike lane 5'
- North bound sidewalk 5'
Alternative 6

Widens both sides of South Storke: provides widest median and northbound lanes and bikepath
- 1.5:1 slope on west side
- West sidewalk: 8'
- South bound bike lane: 8'
- South bound lanes: 12'
- Median planter: 16'
- North bound lanes: 12'
- North bound bike lane: 8'
- North bound sidewalk: 6'
- 1.5:1 slope on east side
Overview of the Proposed Project’s Environmental Review Process

Notice of Preparation & Scoping
30 Calendar Days (April 12, 2017 – May 12, 2017)

 preparation of Draft EIR

 Publication of Draft EIR and Notice of Completion/Availability

 Public/Agency Review, Comment and Public Hearing/Meeting on Draft EIR
45 Calendar Days

 Preparation of Final EIR
 Responses to Public/Agency Comments on Draft EIR
 Changes to Draft EIR Analysis and Conclusions, as Warranted
 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

 Publication of Final EIR and Notice of Completion/Availability

 Decision Making Hearing
 City of Goleta Planning Commission

 Notice of Determination
(Within 5 Calendar Days of EIR Approval/Certification
Anticipated Schedule & Future Public Input Opportunities

**Publication of Draft EIR: TBD**
- 45 Calendar Day Period for Written Comments
- Public Hearing/Meeting on Draft EIR

**Publication of Final EIR: TBD**
- City Hearing on Final EIR
Submittal of Written Comments on Scope of the EIR

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Written Comments Must Be Received By  
5:00PM, Friday, May 12, 2017