

## CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 1960 Tate St. • East Palo Alto, CA 94303 (650) 853-3189 (phone)

- **DATE:** April 29, 2016
- TO: Interested Parties
- **SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the 2035 East Palo Alto General Plan

Notice is Hereby Given that the City of East Palo Alto, as the Lead Agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Program Environmental Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2035 East Palo Alto General Plan.

**Project Location**: The project area is the entire jurisdictional limits of the City.

**Project Description**: The City is preparing a comprehensive update and revision to its 1999 General Plan, which will serve as a blueprint to guide the City's vision (also known as "Vista 2035") for its long-term land use and development through the year 2035. See <a href="http://vista2035epa.org">http://vista2035epa.org</a> for more information. There have been significant changes in the City since the adoption of the 1999 General Plan, including substantial shifts in job and housing markets, demographics, and transportation and infrastructure needs. Public comments for the General Plan will be accepted until the end of the General Plan EIR public comment period.

**<u>Draft EIR</u>**: The Draft EIR prepared identifies the potentially significant environmental effects in the following categories: Aesthetics, Agriculture, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Transportation and Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems,

<u>Availability:</u> The Draft EIR and General Plan can be viewed at the following locations: East Palo Alto Branch Library, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303 East Palo Alto City Hall, City Clerk, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303 East Palo Alto Permit Center, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 Online at: <u>http://vista2035epa.org/</u>

<u>Hazardous Materials</u>: The project area includes the whole of the City of East Palo Alto, which encompasses several sites that contain hazardous waste enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Public Hearing**: There are two public meetings during the public comment period:

- 1. <u>Public Hearing</u>- East Palo Alto Planning Commission Meeting, May 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m; 2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, CA 94303
- 2. <u>Public Hearing</u>, East Palo Alto City Council, June 14, 2016, 7:30 p.m, 2415 University Ave., East Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Public Review Period & Comments:** April 29, 2016-June 15, 2016 at 4PM. Written comments should be addressed to: Guido F. Persicone, Senior Planner, City of East Palo Alto, 1960 Tate Street, East Palo Alto, CA 94303 Alternatively, written comments can also be emailed to <u>gpersicone@cityofepa.org</u>. Emailed comments must include "General Plan" in the subject box.