

ATTACHMENT B

Addendum #1 to the Final Environmental Impact Report

for Lawndale General Plan Update

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Introduction

This document is an Addendum to the City of Lawndale General Plan Update (SCH: 2022120088), which was certified by the City of Lawndale on December 2023. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this Addendum analyzes a City of Lawndale's Sphere of Influence (SOI)'s boundary expansion to include a portion of unincorporated urban areas of Los Angeles County and demonstrate that all of the potential environmental associated with the proposed SOI expansion are within the envelop of impacts already evaluated within the General Plan Update Final EIR.

CEQA Authority for Addendum

CEQA establishes the type of environmental documentation required when changes to a project occur after an EIR is certified. Specifically, Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that:

The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.

Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines requires a Subsequent EIR when an MND has already been adopted or an EIR has been certified and one or more of the following circumstances exist:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken, which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:

- a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;
- b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;

Likewise, California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21166 states that unless one or more of the following events occur, no subsequent or supplemental environmental impact report shall be required by the lead agency or by any responsible agency:

- 1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the environmental impact report;
- 2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken which will require major revisions in the environmental impact report;
or
- 3. New information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the environmental impact report was certified as complete, becomes available.

As demonstrated by the analysis herein, the General Plan Amendment to expand the City’s Sphere of Influence would not result in any new additional significant impacts, nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously anticipated significant impacts. Rather, all of the impacts associated with the Sphere of Influence are within the envelope of impacts addressed in the FEIR and do not constitute new or substantially increased significant impacts. Based on this determination, the General Plan Amendment does not trigger the requirements for preparation of a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Overview of General Plan Amendment

This General Plan Amendment is for the expansion the City of Lawndale’s Sphere of Influence (SOI) Planning Area, identified in the City’s existing General Plan to include a portion of El Camino Village/Alondra Park geographic area.

According to the 2020 US Census, El Camino Village is approximately 1.4 square miles in size, population of 8,569 residents, 2,764 total households and encompass Alondra Park, and El Camino College. The approximate size of Alondra Park is 204 acres, and the campus size of El Camino College is 126 acres, which represents a little over half of El Camino Village.

The geographic area that planning staff is proposing to expand the SOI includes the following parcels:

PROPERTY OWNER	ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER	ADDRESS	LOT SIZE	Use

LA County Park	4074-027-908	16400 Prairie Avenue	202.9 Acres	Park
El Camino Community College District	4074-027-907	16007 Crenshaw Boulevard	17.32 Acres	College
El Camino Community College District	4074-027-909	16007 Crenshaw Boulevard	80.9 Acres	College

City of Lawndale's Existing and Proposed Sphere of Influence

The SOI area is bounded with the following streets: Prairie Avenue to the west, Redondo Beach Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east and Manhattan Beach Boulevard to the north as shown on the Sphere of Influence map below.



General Plan Update and FEIR

On December 18, 2023, continued from December 4, 2023 the City Council held a public hearing to consider the adoption of a comprehensive update to the City's General Plan (2045) and the adoption of an associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The City Council approved Case No. 23-19 via two City Council Resolutions:

- A. Resolution No. CC-2312-49 Approved and Certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #202212088); and
- B. Resolution No. CC-2312-048 approved the General Plan 2045 comprehensive update.

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- The requested SOI Expansion and General Plan Amendment was reviewed pursuant to CEQA and it was determined that this proposal does not have the potential for causing physical changes in the environment, directly or ultimately (Section 15061 of the State CEQA Guidelines). The basis for this determination is that the proposed sphere of influence amendment under a General Plan Amendment, as a planning boundary, does not by itself cause any modifications to the physical environment. Thus, there is no potential for this action to cause a physical change in the environment; and
- The City has endeavored in good faith to set forth the basis for its decision on the General Plan Amendment. CEQA establishes the type of environmental documentation required when changes to a project occur after an EIR is certified. Specifically, Section 15164(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that:
 - *The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.*
- As demonstrated by the analysis within the Addendum No. 1 to the FEIR (SCH #202212088), the SOI expansion would not result in any new additional significant impacts, nor would it substantially increase the severity of previously anticipated significant impacts. Rather, all of the impacts associated with the SOI expansion are within the envelope of impacts addressed in the FEIR and do not constitute new or substantially increased significant impacts. Based on this determination, the General Plan Amendment does not trigger the requirements for preparation of a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines.

The General Plan 2045 Comprehensive Update provided land use and environmental analysis within a majority of the existing conditions and projected land use growth of the urban developed areas within the El Camino Village/Alondra Park Planning Area. The proposed GPA to expand the

SOI area is consistent with the General Plan 2045/certified FEIR. Additionally, the GPA will not add any additional or new adverse environmental effect. The geographic area, El Camino Village/Alondra Park, is an urbanized area of unincorporated Los Angeles County developed known as Alondra Park and El Camino College with land use designations of OS-PR (Open Space-Park and Recreation) and P (Public and Semi-Public) respectively where municipal services are provided by the County of Los Angeles. The OS-PR and P land use designations are restrictive land use designations and land use goals and policies that promote restrictive limited growth within the parcels.

Analysis of Sphere of Influence Expansion/General Plan Amendment

As further set forth in previously referenced City Council Resolutions and pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq., the City of Lawndale City Council certified a Final Environmental Impact Report that addressed the environmental impacts of the Lawndale General Plan Update, including the Draft EIR, identified potentially significant environmental effects, some of which could feasibly be mitigated or avoided.

The General Plan Amendment includes only minor technical changes or additions related to the Sphere of Influence expansion, and none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines section 15162 requiring the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred as documented herein. The General Plan Amendment would not cause significant environmental impact due to a conflict in land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect and would conform to the City General Plan and all impacts will be within the range of those identified in the Final EIR.