

Public Scoping Meeting

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

Irvine Civic Center – Conference & Training Center
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
February 8, 2024

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Agenda

- Purpose of a Scoping Meeting
- Overview of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
- Overview of CEQA Environmental Process and Timeline
- Scope of the EIR
- Public Comment

Purpose of Scoping Meeting

- Inform public and regulatory agencies of the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the CAAP
- Opportunity for public and regulatory agencies to submit input on ***environmental issues to be considered in the Draft EIR***

What is a CAAP?



Estimates existing and future greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



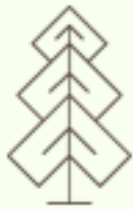
Sets GHG reduction targets.



Recommends policies and actions to meet reduction targets.



Integrates climate adaptation and resilience strategies.



Engages the community.



Provides an implementation plan.

Overview of the CAAP

- A plan to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adapt to current and future climate hazards
- Addresses City government operations and community-wide activities
- Identifies implementation actions within the jurisdiction or influence of the City government
- Anticipated to be used for future project-specific environmental documents by being prepared consistent with the tiering and streamlining provisions of CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Disclosure

Identifies potentially significant impacts to the environment

Decision-Making Tool

Requires public agencies to consider impacts prior to project approval

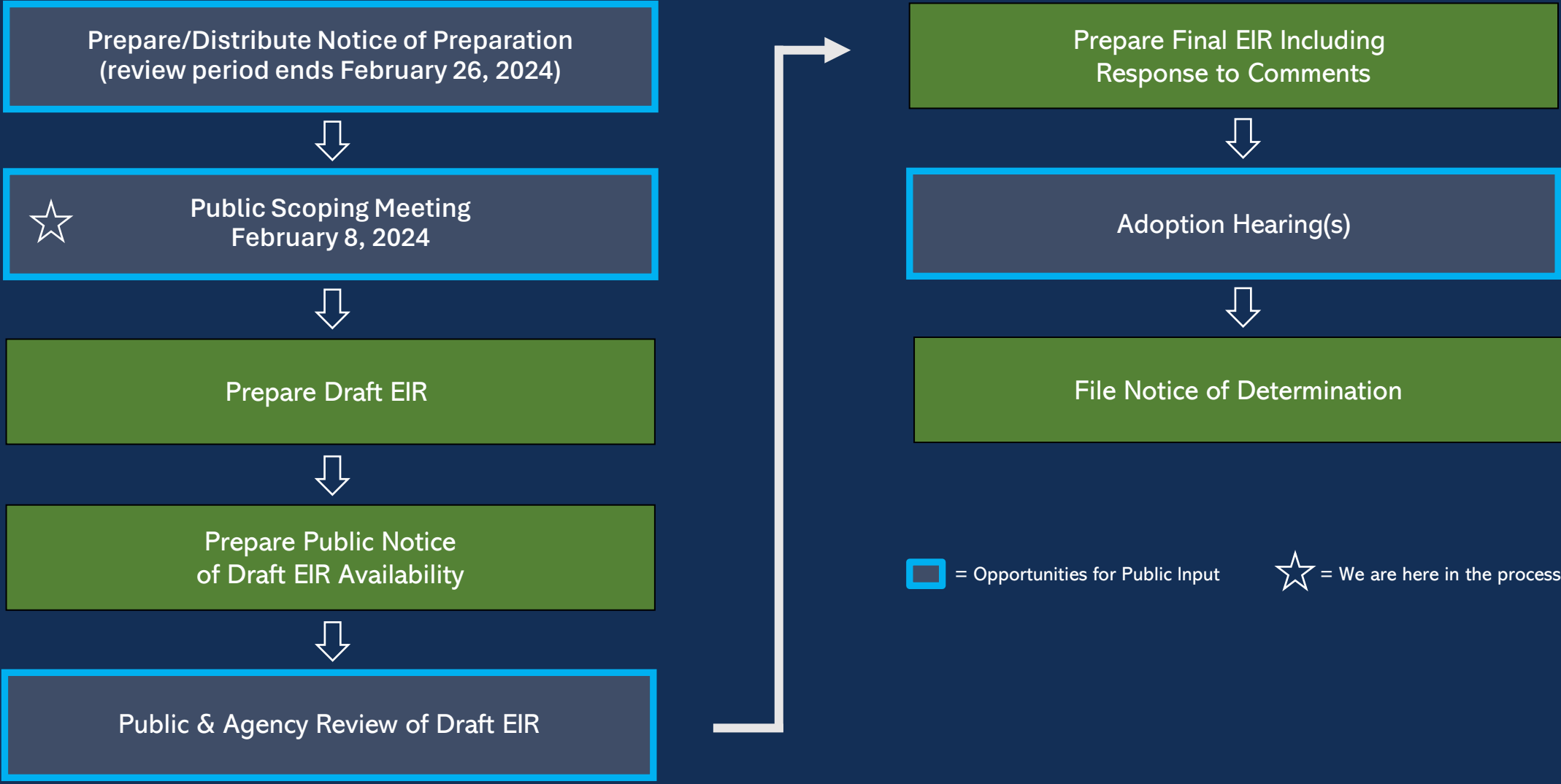
Reduce or Avoid Impacts

Identifies feasible mitigation measures and alternatives

What is a Draft EIR?

- Draft EIR is informational document to inform lead agency decision-makers and the public of:
 - Significant environmental effects of a project;
 - Potentially feasible measures to avoid or substantially lessen significant effects; and
 - Potentially feasible alternatives to avoid or substantially lessen significant effects

Draft EIR Process



Preliminary Scope of the EIR

The Draft EIR will address the following environmental topics:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

Preliminary Schedule for the EIR

- NOP Comment Period: *January 11, 2024, through February 26, 2024*
- Prepare Draft EIR: *Winter 2023-Spring 2024*
- Publish Draft EIR, 45-Day Public Comment Period: *Summer 2024*
- Prepare Response to Comments/Final EIR: *Fall 2024*
- Adoption Hearings: *Fall 2024/Winter 2024-25*

NOP Comment Period for the EIR

- The City is looking for comments on:
 - Scope and content of the Draft EIR
 - Mitigation measures or alternatives that could avoid or lessen environmental impacts
- NOP Comment Period Closes: February 26, 2024
- Please submit written comments to:
 - Joel Belding, Deputy Director of Project Delivery and Sustainability
 - City of Irvine
 - 1 Civic Center Plaza
 - Irvine, CA 92606-5207
 - JBelding@cityofirvine.org
- Comments can also be provided *verbally* or *in writing* at tonight's meeting

Public Comments

