



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Motion No. 17623

Hearing Date: June 19, 2008
Case No.: **2007.0603E**
Project Name: **San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) Seismic Compliance, Hospital Replacement Program**
Project Address: **1001 Potrero Avenue**
Zoning: P (Public) Use District
105-E Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 4154/001
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH)/SFGH
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, FILE NUMBER 2007.0603, FOR THE PROPOSED SFGH SEISMIC COMPLIANCE, HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AT 1001 PORTRERO AVENUE (“PROJECT”).

PREAMBLE

On June 20, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter “CEQA”), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, hereinafter CEQA “Guidelines”), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, (hereinafter “Chapter 31”) the Planning Department (“Department”) received an Environmental Evaluation Application form for the Project, in order that it might conduct an initial evaluation to determine whether the Project might have a significant impact on the environment.

The Planning Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter “EIR”) was required, and provided public notice of that determination and of a public scoping meeting by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on August 2, 2007. Notices of preparation of an EIR and of the public scoping meeting were posted near the project site by Department staff, mailed to the Department’s list of persons requesting such notice, posted in the Department offices and website, and distributed all in accordance with law.

On August 2, 2007, Notice of Completion was recorded with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse (State Clearinghouse Number 2007082023).

On March 8, 2008, the Planning Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter “DEIR”), and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR. This notice was mailed to residents in the Project Area within either a 300-foot radius of the Project Area or within the Zip Codes 94107 or 94110, the Planning Department’s list of

persons/organizations requesting such notice, and to government agencies, to the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.

On March 8, 2008, notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted at approximately 10 locations in and around the Project Area, and the DEIR was posted on the Planning Department's website.

On March 8, 2008, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons/organizations requesting it, and to government agencies, to the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse. Copies of the DEIR were also made available at the Planning Department's information counter.

On March 8, 2008, Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse (State Clearinghouse Number 2007082023).

On April 10, 2008, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed and advertised public hearing on said DEIR, at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments on the DEIR ended on April 22, 2008.

The Planning Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 45-day public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in the "San Francisco General Hospital Seismic Compliance Hospital Replacement Program Comments and Responses," published on June 4, 2008, and was distributed to the Planning Commission and to all parties who commented on the DEIR, and was available to others upon request at Department offices. The Comments and Responses document was posted on the Department website on June 4, 2008.

A Final Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter "FEIR") has been prepared by the Planning Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the Comments and Responses, all as required by law. Since publication of the DEIR, no new information of significance has become available that would require recirculation of the EIR under CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5.

Project Environmental Impact Report files have been made available for public review at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, and are part of the record before the Planning Commission.

On June 19, 2008, at a public hearing, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR, and the Planning Commission hereby does find the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed, comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31.

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.

2. The Planning Commission hereby does find that the Final Environmental Impact Report concerning File No. 2007.0603E: San Francisco General Hospital Seismic Compliance Hospital Replacement Program reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.

3. The Planning Commission, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, hereby does find that the Project described in the Environmental Impact Report would have the following significant unavoidable environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a level of non-significance:
 - a) The Project would result in a significant unavoidable impact to the historical integrity of the potential SFGH District, a historical resource under CEQA. Mitigation measures identified in the EIR would reduce this impact, but would not be sufficient to reduce it to a less-than-significant level. Therefore, even with incorporation of mitigation, the Project would result in significant adverse impacts on the potential historic SFGH District.

 - b) The Project would have a considerable contribute to adverse cumulative traffic conditions on the southbound U.S. Highway 101 off-ramp to Potrero Avenue and Cesar Chavez Boulevard under future (2021) cumulative conditions. There is no feasible supply-side mitigation measure for increasing capacity at this ramp. It is possible, however, to implement a demand-side mitigation measure, the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Mitigation Measure, for the Project. This mitigation measure would reduce the Project's cumulative traffic impact, but would not be sufficient to reduce it to a less-than-significant level. Therefore, even with incorporation of mitigation, the Project would contribute to significant unavoidable cumulative adverse impacts at the southbound U.S. Highway 101 off-ramp to Potrero Avenue and Cesar Chavez Boulevard.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission on June 19, 2008.

Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Lee, Sugaya, Moore, Antonini, Miguel, and Olague

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION: Certification of Final EIR

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