

SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
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March 3, 2010

TO: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Peter Brundage, Executive Officer

RE: **PUBLIC WORKSHOP: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH No. 2007102114) FOR THE PROPOSED ARDEN ARCADE INCORPORATION (LAFC 03-07)**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Presentation and overview of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Arden Arcade Incorporation.
2. Receive public and Commission comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Arden Arcade Incorporation.
3. Note: No action will be taken on this item. Comments will be addressed in the Final EIR.

PURPOSE OF HEARING:

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Arden Arcade Incorporation was placed on the Agenda so that the Commission may provide and receive public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report prior to close of the 45-day public comment period ending Monday, April 5, 2010.

The Commission should not receive testimony relative to the merits of the proposal, or any of the alternatives, **except** as they relate to environmental issues or impacts.

Responses to both written and oral comments will be prepared by our consultant. The Response to Comments, together with the Draft Environmental Impact Report, will constitute the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed incorporation. This document will be made available prior to public hearings on this project and it will be attached to the Executive Officer's Report.

DISCUSSION:

The Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Arden Arcade Incorporation was transmitted to the State Clearinghouse on February 18, 2010 to commence the 45-day public review comment period. The public and affected agencies are encouraged to comment on the Draft EIR.

The EIR consultant will make a presentation to the Commission and interested parties on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project. No action is being considered during this workshop. All comments pertinent to the EIR will be addressed in the Final EIR.

The purpose of the Draft and Final EIR is to inform decision makers, representatives of affected and responsible agencies, the public and other interested parties of the potential environmental effects and impacts that may result in the formation of a new General Law city similar to the Cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, and Rancho Cordova.

The Draft EIR indicates that there are no unavoidable significant impacts related to the proposed project or alternatives.

The Draft EIR is available on LAFCo's website at www.saclafco.org, as well as the following library locations: Main Branch, Arcade Branch, and Arden-Dimick Library. In addition, a notice of availability has been mailed to affected agencies and interested stakeholders. Interested parties may also request a copy or CD from Sacramento LAFCo. Finally, a public notice of availability was published in the Sacramento Bee on Sunday, February 21, 2010.

HISTORY:

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued on October 26, 2007 and a scoping meeting was held on November 14, 2007. The Draft EIR was commenced and subsequently placed on hold due to project delays. On September 1, 2009 LAFCo staff recirculated the Notice of Preparation to all interested parties and commenced the preparation of the Draft EIR incorporating comments received on the original NOP and the Recirculated NOP. The Draft EIR was updated to reflect the most current information available.

Respectfully Submitted,

SACRAMENTO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION


Peter Brundage
Executive Officer

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(AA Draft EIR Workshop March 3, 2010) Attachments

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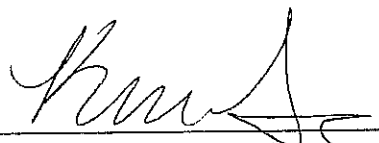
DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. 2015.5)

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the printer and principal clerk of the publisher of The Sacramento Bee, printed and published in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California, under the date of September 26, 1994, Action No. 379071; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue thereof and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

February 21, 2010

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Sacramento, California, on **February 21, 2010**


(Signature)

Notice of Availability for Public Review

of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Incorporation of Arden Arcade

The Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) announces the availability of the Incorporation of Arden Arcade Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for public review. The report can be downloaded from the LAFCO website. Our web address is www.saclafco.org.

Project Description

The proposed incorporation of the Arden Arcade Community (project or proposed incorporation) would result in the establishment of a new city. LAFCO may also adopt a sphere of influence (SOI) as part of the incorporation approval. The proposed Arden Arcade incorporation area would consist of the new city limits and SOI, which would be approximately 9,000 acres or about 14 square miles of land located in the northern-central portion of Sacramento County. The project is generally bounded by Auburn Blvd to the north, Mission Ave on the east, Fair Oaks Blvd on the south, and Ethan Ave and the American River Parkway on the west.

Significant Impacts on the Environment Anticipated as a Result of the Proposed Project

No unavoidable significant impacts were identified in the DEIR.

Public Review Period

The public and interested parties are invited to comment on the DEIR for the proposed project. Please note that the public comment period is February 18, 2010 through 4 p.m. on April 5, 2010. All comments should be sent to:

Webmaster@SacLAFCO.org
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 I Street #100
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The DEIR may be reviewed online at www.saclafco.org. Hard copies of the document may also be reviewed at the Public Library Facilities listed below:

Arden-Dimick Library (891 Watt Avenue) (Closed for remodeling thru 2/23/10)
Arcade Library (2443 Marconi Avenue)
Sacramento Central Library (828 I Street)

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2007102114

Project Title: Incorporation of Arden Arcade Draft Environmental Impact Report

Lead Agency: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission **Contact Person:** Peter Brundage, Executive Office
Mailing Address: 1112 "I" Street, Suite 100 **Phone:** 916.874.5935
City: Sacramento **Zip:** CA **County:** 95814

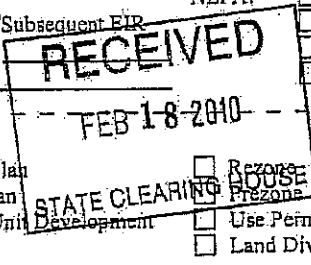
Project Location: County: Sacramento City/Nearest Community: Arden Arcade
Cross Streets: Auburn Blvd, Mission Avenue, Fair Oaks Blvd, Ethan Avenue and American River Pkwy Zip Code: Multiple
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 36 ' 21 " N / 121 ° 22 ' 55 " W Total Acres: 9,000
Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple **Section:** None **Twp.:** 5E, 6E **Range:** 8N, 9N **Base:** Diablo
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 50, 80 **Waterways:** American River
Airports: McClellan **Railways:** Multiple **Schools:** Multiple

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) Other: _____
 Early Cons Neg Dec Mit Neg Dec

NEPA: NOI EA Draft EIS FONSI

Other: Joint Document Final Document Other: _____



Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezoning Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Incorporation

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD: _____

Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: No Development Proposed

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Regional Planning</u>

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Multiple
Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The project would result in the establishment of a new city and sphere of influence (SOI). The Arden Arcade incorporation area would consist of the future city limits and SOI would cover approximately 9,000 acres or about 14 square miles of land in northern-central Sacramento County. The proposed incorporation area is generally bounded by Auburn Blvd to the north, Mission Ave on the east, Fair Oaks Boulevard on the south, and Ethan Avenue and American River Parkway on the west. No new buildings, facilities or other structures are proposed as part of the project. The new city would be a General Law City with a city manager form of government.



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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIR

Project Title: Arden Arcade Incorporation Proposal (LAFCo 03-07)

Project Location (Specific): 14+ square miles located in the north-central
unincorporated area

Project Location (County): Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Arden Arcade Incorporation Committee submitted a registered voter
petition to initiate this proposal. If approved, the project would result in
the incorporation of a new city – Arden Arcade.

Lead Agency: Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)

Address Where Copy of Draft EIR is Available:

LAFCo Office at 112 I Street, Suite 100, Sacramento 95814 (M-F 8-4)
Arcade Library, 2443 Marconi Ave. and Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave.
(After February 23rd)

Review Period: Begins February 18, 2010 and ends 4 PM April 5, 2010

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