



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

DATE: October 1, 2014

PROJECT TITLE: Proposed Demolition and Immediate Public Use (IPU) of the Former Caltrans District Office Complex

**MEETING INFORMATION: Tuesday, October 21, 2014
6:30pm to 8:00pm
Caltrans District 11 Office Complex
Garcia Auditorium
4050 Taylor St.
San Diego, CA 92110**

The public meeting shall show conceptual designs for the site's future use and provide opportunity for written and oral comments. CDPR has determined that holding a public meeting prior to release of the DEIR shall provide for the most effective input.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located within a newly acquired parcel of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (OTSDSHP). The site is bound to the northwest by Taylor Street, northeast by Juan St., southwest by Calhoun St. and southeast by Wallace St. The site encompasses an area of approximately 2.47 acres and contains a total of 115,735 square feet of office space.

PLANNING & PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) has completed preliminary planning and design for the proposed project and would like your input in regards to the alternatives that have been prepared. Your input shall assist in determining how the project is implemented. CDPR is interested in your opinions regarding the proposed alternatives as well as support of any of the alternatives that shall be presented. The project shall meet the definition of a Historic Unit (PRC 5019.59), while providing Immediate Public Use (IPU). IPU shall provide for interpretation, circulation, landscaping and parking to allow for immediate visitor use.

As required by CEQA, a range of alternatives have been prepared that "feasibly attain most of the basic objectives of the project but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the project..."

CDPR is currently considering a Preferred Alternative that will result in the demolition of a potentially eligible National/California Register resource. As a result of this decision, CDPR is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which proposes an alternative(s) to reduce impact to this potentially eligible historic resource.

CDPR is striving to meet the goal of providing public access as well as restoring the historical landscape of the site to be compatible with the National Register District. Removal of the Complex would meet the OTSDSHP General Plan's goals to remove non-compatible modern era structures and re-create the nineteenth century landscape. Removal of the Complex would also provide an unimpeded view and improved entrance into OTSDHP from Taylor Street

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Primary scope elements of the project include:

1. Abatement and removal of hazardous materials from the Complex and disposal of materials in an appropriate manner. Asbestos and lead paint are the primary hazardous materials.
2. Demolition of the office complex totaling 115,735 square feet and associated site improvements. The connected buildings making up the complex were built in three phases from 1951 to 1964. This effort may include footings, foundations and basement as well as site features such as the courtyard and parking areas.
3. Completion of archeological investigations to identify and mitigate any impacts to potential subsurface cultural and historical resources. This will allow for resource preservation and interpretation of historically significant cultural resources.
4. Construction of IPU facilities to allow for public use of the site.

The project will incorporate sustainable technology and materials such as permeable parking surfaces to allow water percolation and drought tolerant plants. Plantings will be reflective of the historic vegetation that once occupied this early settlement and riverfront location during the historic period.

The project APE is adjacent to the Old Town San Diego National Register of Historic Places District within OTSDSHP. The site has the potential for subsurface archaeological resources and is a culturally sensitive property.

FUTURE PUBLIC REVIEW: Future opportunity for public review shall occur with the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, anticipated for release in December 2014.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: The Project's website shall be updated to provide information regarding progress with the Project.

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26305

Questions or comments may be e-mailed or addressed to the following.

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