

Notice of Preparation

To: Public Agencies and Other Interested Parties

From: City of Burbank
Community Development Department
Planning Division
150 North Third Street
Burbank, California 91502



Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

Project Title: Burbank Housing Element Update and Associated General Plan Updates

The City of Burbank will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Burbank Housing Element Update and Associated General Plan Updates (hereafter referred to as “Housing Element Update” or “proposed Project”), which proposes to update the Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety and Mobility Elements, and incorporate environmental justice goals, policies and objectives into the City of Burbank’s *Burbank2035* General Plan. The City requests input from affected public agencies and interested members of the public as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the Project.

The Project description and location are described in the attached materials. The City expects that the EIR will include analyses for the following issues that are considered to have potential for significant impacts on the environment in association with the Project:

Air Quality	Population and Housing
Cultural Resources	Public Services
Geology and Soils	Recreation
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Transportation
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Tribal Cultural Resources
Land Use and Planning	Utilities/Service Systems
Noise	

Issues that have been determined not to have a significant impact, or any impact, include Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Energy, Hydrology and Water Quality, Mineral Resources, and Wildfire.

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting: The purpose of the scoping meeting is to present the proposed Project in a public setting and provide an opportunity for a full airing of the environmental issues that are important to the community. The meeting will include a presentation of the proposal and the environmental issues to

be analyzed in the Draft EIR will be described. Following the presentation, interested agencies, organizations, and members of the public will be encouraged to present views concerning what environmental issues should be included in the Draft EIR. The oral and written comments made during the scoping meeting will provide an inventory of potential environmental effects of the Project to be addressed by the Draft EIR.

30-Day Comment Period: This is a recirculation of the original NOP which stated that the EIR will analyze the addition of 8,800 units under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that was conducted for the Housing Element Update. However, the EIR will analyze 10,088 units to account for a 15 percent buffer for the RHNA. The City invites all interested members of the public to attend the public scoping meeting. The City also invites written comments on issues related to potential environmental impacts during the extended 30-day comment period, which started on February 22, 2021 and will conclude on April 15, 2021. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible time but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice, and no later than **5:00 PM on April 15, 2021**. Please send written/typed comments (including a name, telephone number, and contact information) to the following:

City of Burbank, Community Development Department
Attn: Lisa Frank, Senior Planner
150 North Third Street
Burbank, California 91502

You may also email your response to lfrank@burbankca.gov. Please provide the name of a contact person at your agency.

For more information about the Housing Element Update and Associated General Plan Updates, please visit: <https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/>

An EIR Public Scoping Meeting will be held on March 31, 2021 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be conducted online via zoom through the following link: <https://burbankca.zoom.us/j/96124014316> and will be recorded.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public scoping meeting to assist in identifying issues to be addressed in the EIR. A presentation will begin at 6:00 P.M., then public comments for the EIR will be received and attendees will have an opportunity to provide input to the consultants preparing the EIR.

Date: March 17, 2021

Signature: 

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Burbank Housing Element Update Project Description

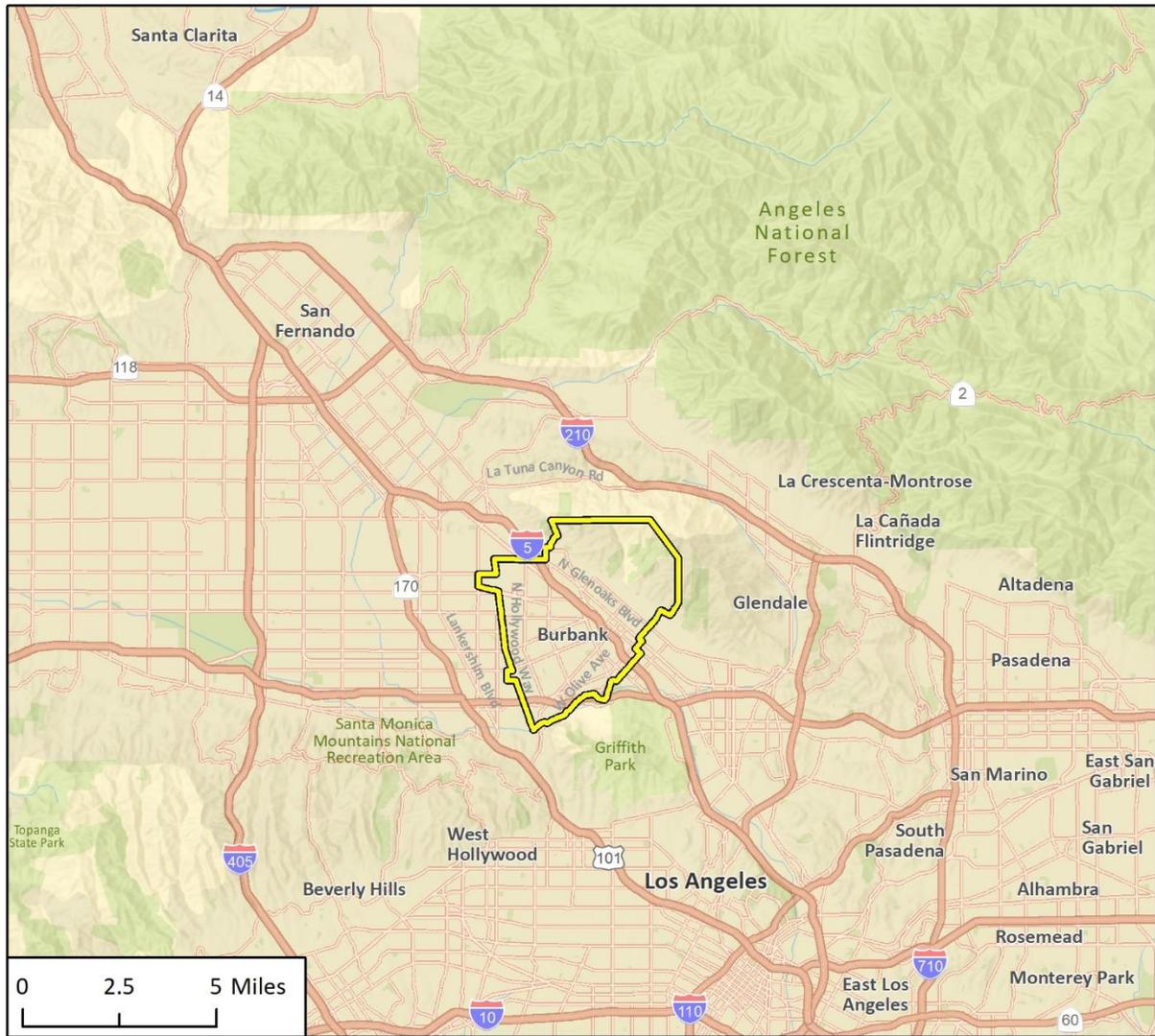
The Burbank Housing Element Update and Associated General Plan Updates involves an update to the Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety and Mobility Elements, and incorporate environmental justice goals, policies and objectives to the City of Burbank's 2035 General Plan. The Project would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank, which encompasses 17.1 square miles. Figure 1 and Figure 2, below, illustrate the location of the Project in a regional and local context. The proposed Housing Element Update establishes programs, policies and actions to further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all household income levels of the community, provides evidence of the City's ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation through the year 2029, as established by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and identifies any rezoning program needed to reach the required housing capacity. The Project also includes necessary updates to the Safety Element triggered under State law by an update to the Housing Element, and updates to the Mobility Element to incorporate VMT (vehicle miles traveled) metrics.

The Housing Element Update will provide a framework for introducing new housing at all levels of affordability that is within access to transit, Downtown jobs, services, and open spaces. These units may occur anywhere in the City where residential uses are permitted, as well as in areas that may be rezoned in the future to allow for multi-family residential and mixed use of adequate density. Through its identification of sites for future development and implementing housing programs, the updated Housing Element will lay the foundation for achievement of the City's fair share housing needs for approximately 10,088 additional units.

The purpose of the Safety Element Update is to ensure consistency with the Housing Element Update and to comply with recent State legislation and guidelines (including Assembly Bill 162, Senate Bill 1241, Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, Senate Bill 1035 and Senate Bill 379). Technical amendments will be made to the Safety Element to achieve compliance with State, regional, and local policies and guidelines. The technical amendments will incorporate data and maps, address vulnerability to climate change; incorporate policies and programs from the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, as well as partial or full integration of other City documents and programs (including but not limited to: Ready Burbank and the Emergency Survival Program). The Safety Element amendments will be submitted to the California Geological Survey, California Office of Emergency Services, California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Federal Emergency Management Agency for review.

Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) states that revisions or adoption of two or more elements of a general plan on or after January 1, 2018 trigger a requirement to "adopt or review the Environmental Justice Element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements." Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives must aim to reduce health risks to disadvantaged communities (DACs), promote civil engagement, and prioritize the needs of these communities. There are several designated DACs identified in central, northwest, and southeast Burbank. These seven census tracts have overall scores that meet or exceed the minimum criteria for DAC designation based on pollution burden and population characteristics. As mandated under SB 1000, the Safety Element update will consider strategies to reduce pollution exposure, promote public facilities, promote food access, promote safe and sanitary homes, promote physical activity, reduce unique or compounded health risks, promote civic engagement, and prioritize the needs of these disadvantaged communities.

Figure 1 Regional Location

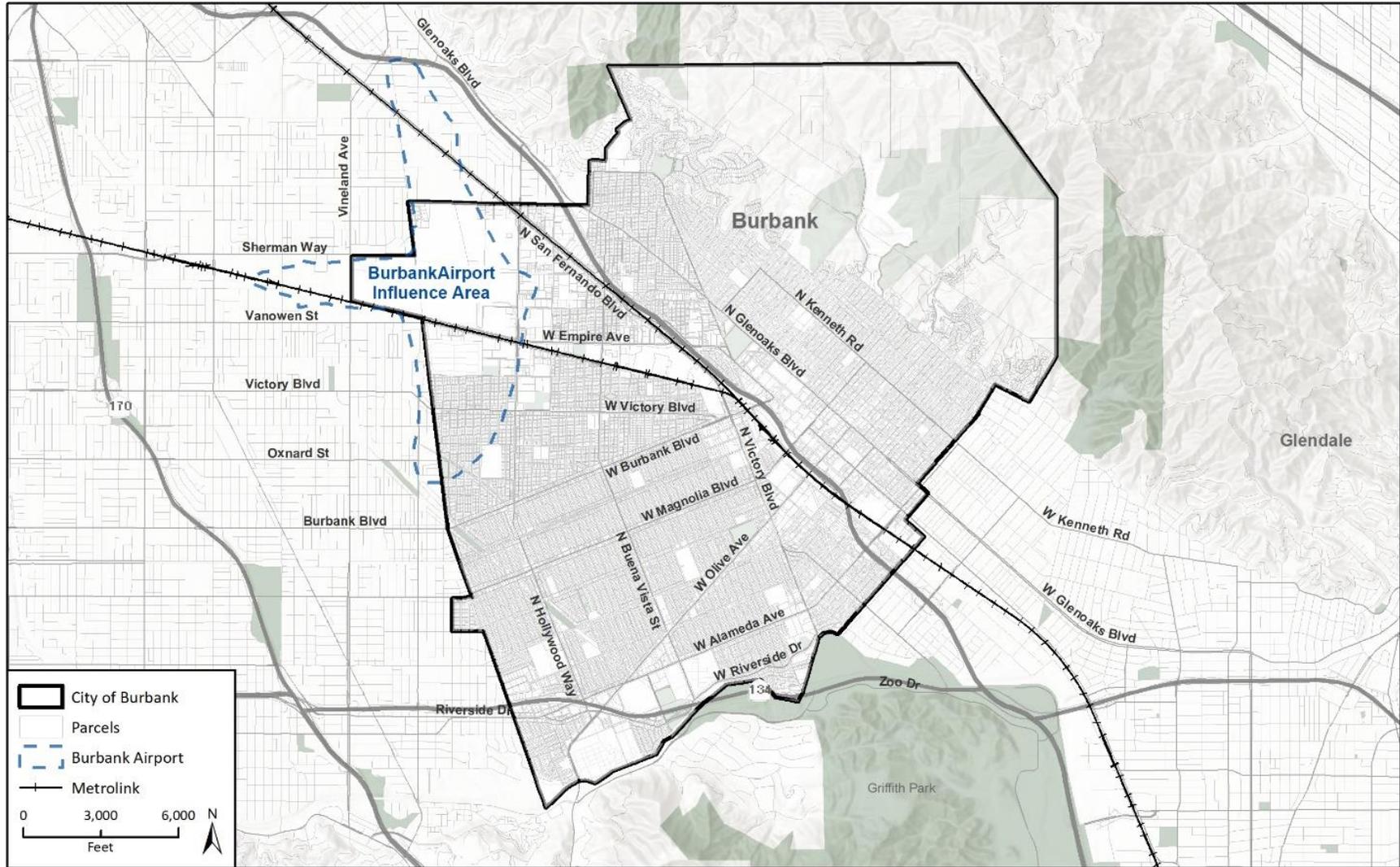


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Fig. 3 Regional Location

Figure 1 Project Location



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