

City of Lawndale

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2020 GENERAL PLAN &
HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN UPDATE

Draft Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Meeting
December 15, 2022



Purpose of Today's Meeting

- To receive input on the **environmental issues** that the Draft EIR should address (i.e. the Scope)
- To enhance participation as part of the Project's environmental review
- Today's meeting is **not** intended as a forum to discuss the General Plan, policies, the Land Use Map, or the merits of the Project



Summary of Process

- The City is preparing a comprehensive update to the General Plan, including the Land Use Map
- The General Plan Update is considered a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- The City of Lawndale is serving as the “Lead Agency” for CEQA review of the Project
- De Novo Planning Group has been retained by the City to prepare the General Plan Update and EIR, as well as the Hawthorne Boulevard Specific Plan Update; a range of technical studies are also being prepared



Project Overview

- The General Plan **defines a long-term vision** for future growth and resource management within the City over the next 20 years
 - Updated policy document including goals, policies and actions (implementation measures)
 - Updated Land Use Map



Existing Conditions Report

- Addresses the topics that are covered in the General Plan Update
- Identifies the regulatory framework
- Existing traffic measurements
- Includes maps, tables, and charts setting the stage for policy development



General Plan Elements

Required Elements

- Land Use
- Mobility/Circulation
- Housing*
- Conservation
- Open Space
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Safety
- Environmental Justice

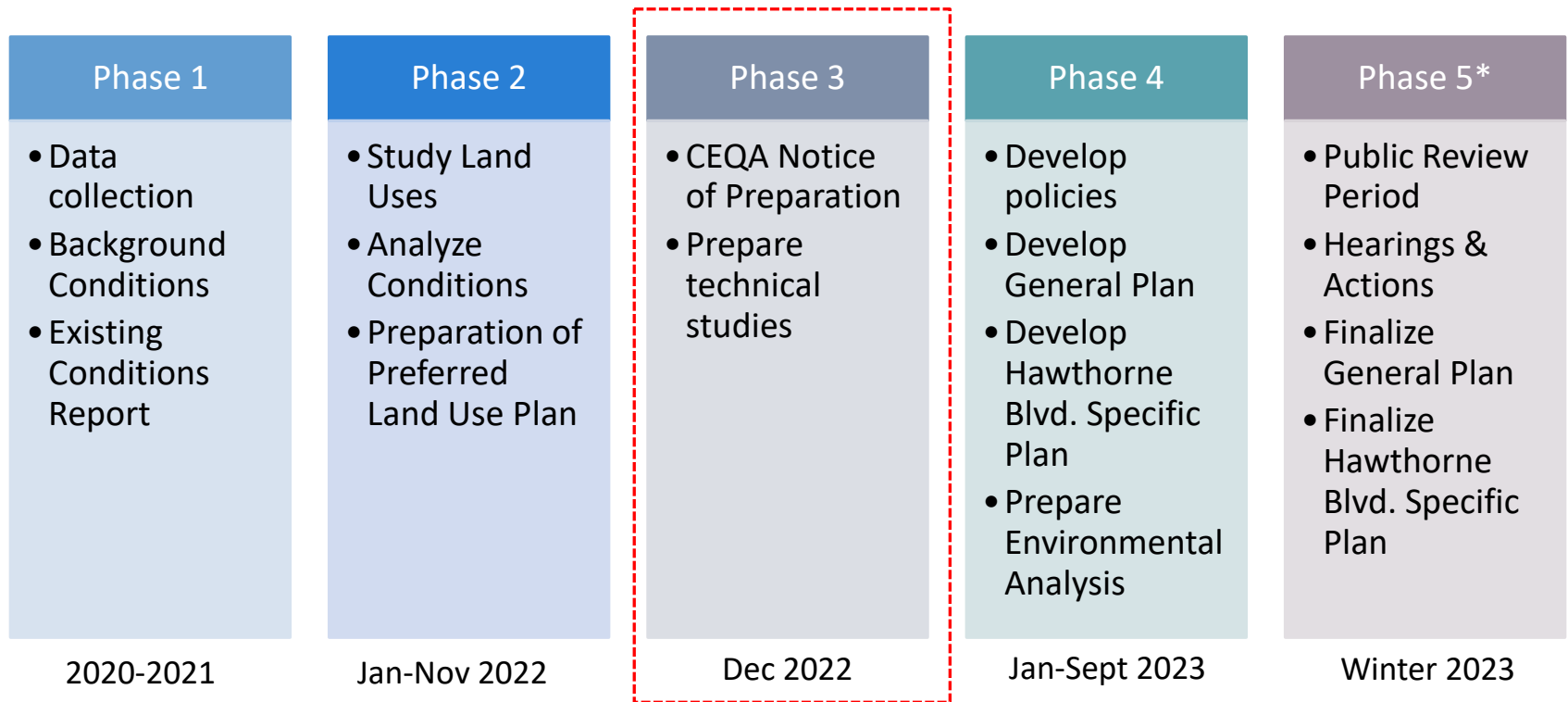
Optional Elements

- Economic Development
- Community Facilities

*Not part of this update



General Plan Update Timeline





Additional Information

The General Plan Update Website

- A resource for background reports, maps, meeting agendas, meeting summaries, and upcoming meeting dates

<https://lawndale.generalplan.org>

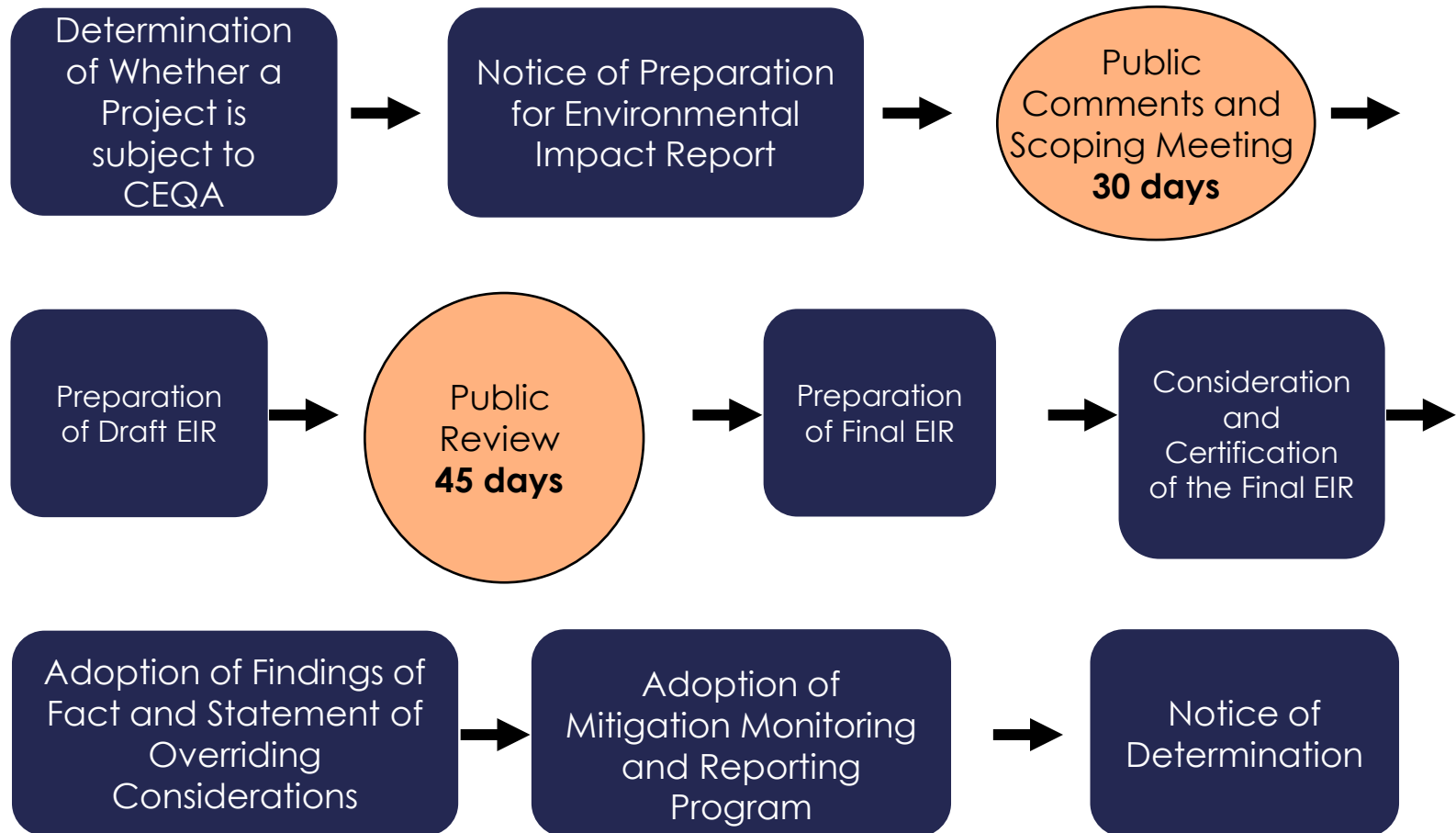


What is an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)?

- An informational document that **identifies and discloses** the anticipated environmental effects of implementing a project, as required by CEQA
- Acts as a forum for public participation in the environmental review process
- An EIR **does not** advocate or promote the Project
- No specific development projects are proposed, or would be approved as part of the General Plan Update



Environmental Review Process





Issues to be Addressed in the EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Services Systems
- Wildfires
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Alternatives



Key Information

- City and consultant team will complete the Public Draft EIR which will be available for a 45-day public review and comment period
- City and consultant team will prepare the Final EIR, which will include all comments received on the Draft EIR, written responses to these comments, and any changes made to the Draft EIR
- Planning Commission will review the EIR at the public hearing and make a recommendation to the City Council
- City Council will take action to certify the EIR and make a decision regarding the General Plan Update



NOP Public Comments

- The 30-day Notice of Preparation public comment period ends on **January 5, 2023** at 5:00 p.m.
- Comments can be submitted **in writing** tonight using the Comment Cards (oral comments cannot be recorded)
- Comments can be provided by mail, email or hand-delivered by the deadline to:

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