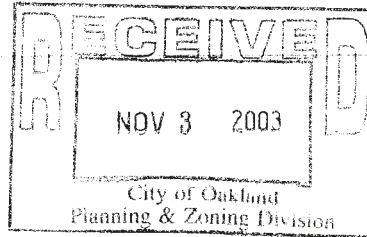


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Historic Properties and Archaeological Artifacts:

A graduate student has brought to my attention the fact that historic Chinatown was at the site in the 1860s (17th and Telegraph) and the city made them relocate after a major fire to San Pablo between 19th and 20th in the 1880s. She states that the buildings on San Pablo slated for demolition might be part of this historic Chinatown and that there might be valuable artifacts of that culture in the vicinity of those buildings. It therefore appears appropriate that we look for an opportunity to relocate at least one of those wooden buildings below 20th on San Pablo (perhaps somewhere in the current Chinatown area) that could then be used to exhibit whatever artifacts might be uncovered. If this is not feasible, we should, at minimum, excavate carefully so that artifacts are not destroyed and make them available for the public either at the Asian Cultural Center or other existing city facility that could exhibit them to retain the cultural heritage of the Chinese population at that time which was evidently displaced several times by the city. There is no mention in the report at all about this aspect of the area's history.

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Traffic Circulation:

Trans-11 "Significant Unavoidable" impacts is the term applied to the area at the West Grand, Frontage Road and Mandela freeway entrance. Another new large development with equal or more units is proposed for the West Oakland area in the near future at Central Station between 10th and West Grand on Wood and Frontage Road. There is no cumulative analysis for this problem. In fact there appears to be no cumulative impact analysis at all in this document. Since the writers of the document claim that it would be too costly and complicated to widen the CALTRANS Road, nothing is proposed. Instead, it appears appropriate that the developer should contribute to a fund with the developer of the Central Station site to add to CALTRANS funds to expand that roadway which already has severe backups at rush hour.

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Thank you,

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