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**OAKLAND ARMY BASE AUTO MALL PROJECT
NOTICE OF RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT SEIR)
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Release/Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the former Oakland Army Base (OARB) Auto Mall Project and Notice of Public Hearing on the same

REVIEW PERIOD: April 17, 2006 –May 31, 2006

CASE NO.: ER 06-0002 (State Clearinghouse Number 2006012092)

PROJECT SPONSOR: Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located on 30-acres at the former Oakland Army Base and within the OARB Redevelopment Area, bounded by West Grand Avenue on the south, by the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way on the east, and by the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) wastewater treatment facility to the north. An expanded Option B area includes the Project site plus approximately 30 acres of additional land located to the south of West Grand Avenue and east of Maritime Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project generally consists of redevelopment of approximately thirty (30) acres of land in the North Gateway portion of the former Oakland Army Base to provide space for four or five automobile dealerships on separate parcels of approximately 4-5 acres each, plus associated roadways and infrastructure improvements. The ORA (as Project sponsor) has identified one additional project option (referred to as Option B) that the City wishes to also be evaluated. Option B is a larger redevelopment effort on a total of approximately sixty (60) acres of land in the North Gateway and East Gateway portions of the former Oakland Army Base that includes the Project as described above, plus three additional 5-acre automobile dealerships and one approximately 12 to 15-acre site for "big box" retail use, plus associated roadways and infrastructure improvements.

Implementation of the Project is anticipated to require approval of an amendment to the OARB Reuse Plan, approval of re-designation or relocation of Ancillary Maritime Support uses, issuance of Disposition and Development Agreements for individual developments, approval of a tentative tract map, and approval of subsequent demolition, grading and building permits, infrastructure improvements and environmental remediation activities. These actions will be considered after certification of the SEIR.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (Draft SEIR comments and comments on the Project)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: The Initial Study for this Project (City of Oakland, January 2006), evaluated all of the potential environmental topic areas as required by CEQA and determined that a Subsequent or Supplemental EIR needed to be prepared that focused only on the topic areas of traffic and circulation, and air quality because all other topic areas were adequately analyzed in the OARB Redevelopment EIR that was previously certified in July 2002. A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) has been prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21090 and 21166 and CEQA Guidelines sections 15180 and 15163. The Draft SEIR focuses on the topic areas of traffic and circulation, and air quality, as well as responds to scoping session comments by the public and City Planning Commission.

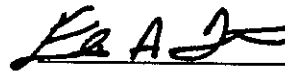
Copies of the Draft SEIR are available for review or distribution to interested parties at no charge at the Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additional copies are available for review at the Oakland Public Library, Social Science and Documents, 125 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612 and at the West Oakland Branch Library, 1801 Adeline St # 1, Oakland, CA 94607. The Draft SEIR may also be reviewed on the City's website at:

www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/majorProjectsSection/environmentaldocuments.html

Copies of the previously certified OARB Redevelopment EIR may also be reviewed on the City's website at:

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The City of Oakland, as the Lead Agency, is hereby releasing this Draft SEIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for public review. Members of the public are welcome to attend the hearing and provide comments focusing on whether the Draft SEIR is sufficient in discussing possible impacts to the environment as a result of this Project and ways those impacts may be avoided or minimized through mitigation measures. All comments received will be considered by the City prior to finalizing the EIR and to taking any further action pertaining to the Project. Comments **must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2006**, and should be sent to the attention of Elois A. Thornton, Planner IV, City of Oakland, Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, California 94612; telephone: (510) 238-6284; e-mail: eathornton@oaklandnet.com. If you challenge the environmental document or other potential actions pertaining to the Project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised at the public hearings described above or in written correspondence received by the Community and Economic Development Agency on or prior to May 31, 2006.



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Date of Notice: April 17, 2006

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