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**MEASURE DD IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT
NOTICE OF RELEASE AND AVAILABILITY OF
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR)
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Release/Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Measure DD Implementation Project and Notice of Public Hearing on the same

REVIEW PERIOD: July 20, 2007 – September 10, 2007

CASE NO.: ER 06-0017 (State Clearinghouse Number 2006122048)

PROJECT SPONSOR: City of Oakland

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed components of the Measure DD Implementation Project would be located in the City of Oakland around Lake Merritt and the Lake Merritt Channel generally along Lakeshore Avenue, Lakeside Drive, and 12th Street; on the Oakland waterfront between Alice Street and 66th Avenue; at the Ira Jinkins Recreational Center on Edes Avenue in East Oakland; at the Studio One facility on 45th Street in North Oakland; and at multiple small creekside locations throughout the City.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In November 2002, Oakland voters passed a \$198,250,000 bond measure entitled Oakland Trust for Clean Water, Safe Parks (Measure DD). This bond measure authorizes funding for physical improvements to existing parks; acquisition of land for new parks; development of new parks and recreation facilities; clean water measures; restoration and rehabilitation of recreation buildings; and implementation of creek and waterway protection and restoration activities. The proposed project would implement the activities funded by Measure DD, which include the following:

- **Lake Merritt and Lake Merritt Channel Improvements**
 - 12th Street Improvements
 - Replace the 12th Street culvert at Lake Merritt Channel with a bridge to increase tidal flow into and out of Lake Merritt
 - Reconfigure 12th Street, create a new 4-acre park, and connect these features to the Lake Merritt Channel
 - Lake Merritt Channel
 - Construct a bridge to replace the existing culvert at 10th Street
 - Redesign Channel at the Lake Merritt flood control station at 7th Street
 - Improve bike, pedestrian access, restore wetlands and make other Channel and shoreline improvements
 - Lakeshore Avenue, El Embarcadero, Pergola, and E. 18th Street Pier Improvements
 - Consolidate the El Embarcadero roadway to form a "Grand Lake green link"
 - Renovate Pergola
 - Renovate E. 18th Street Pier

- Widen Lake Merritt Park paths and add bike lanes by reconfiguring perimeter streets (Oak Street, Harrison Street, Lakeside Drive and Lakeshore Avenue)
- Lakeside Drive and Municipal Boathouse
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 - Renovate the Municipal Boathouse at 1520 Lakeside Drive and restore public use
- Snow Park and Lakeside-Harrison-20th Street Intersection
 - Expand Snow Park and redesign the Lakeside Drive-Harrison Street-20th Street intersection
 - Implement system-wide improvements including paths, irrigation, landscaping, furnishing, restrooms and signs
- Bellevue Avenue Redesign, Children's Fairyland and the Sailboat House
 - Redesign Bellevue Avenue to improve circulation and to accommodate parking moved from the Sailboat House
 - Renovate Children's Fairyland
 - Renovate the Sailboat House and convert some of the adjacent parking lot to parkland
- Water Quality Control Measures and Other Improvements
 - Install stormwater filters, floating trash barriers, and aerating fountains, and implement other water quality improvements, including goose management elements
 - Repair or replace Lake Merritt retaining walls
- **Oakland Waterfront Trail and Access Improvements**
 - Acquire land for conservation and remediation purposes
 - Remediate hazardous materials from contaminated soils
 - Provide continuous public access from Jack London Square to Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline
 - Construct an access/overlook area at 66th Avenue
 - Acquire and develop Estuary Park, Meadow Park and a new park in the area of the 9th Avenue Terminal
 - Complete Union Point Park
- **East and North Oakland Recreational Facilities**
 - Construct the East Oakland Sports Complex
 - Renovate and restore Studio One Art Center
- **City-wide Creeks Restoration, Preservation and Acquisition**
 - Restore and rehabilitate creeks by creating natural meanders, regrading and stabilizing banks, removing failing structures, and landscaping with native plants
 - Acquire creekside properties to facilitate restoration and habitat preservation

Implementation of the Project is anticipated to require actions or approvals by the City including design review; conditional use permits; tree removal permits; grading permits, and creek protection permits. These actions will be considered after certification of the Draft EIR.

PUBLIC HEARING:


Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (Draft EIR comments and comments on the Project)

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: A Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) has been prepared under the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Public Resources Code Sections 21000 *et. seq.* The Draft EIR analyzed potentially significant environmental impacts in the following environmental categories: Land Use, Planning Policy, Transportation, Circulation and Parking, Air Quality, Noise, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology and Water Quality, Geology, Soils and Seismicity, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Public Services and Recreation, Utilities and Infrastructure, Aesthetic Resources. The Draft EIR identified significant unavoidable impacts related to Transportation.

Copies of the Draft EIR 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. The Draft EIR may also be reviewed on the City's website at:

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

The City of Oakland is hereby releasing this Draft EIR, 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 EIR 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 Monday, September 10, 2007**, 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 September 10, 2007.



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