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## OAKLAND ARMY BASE AUTO MALL PROJECT NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FINAL SEIR) AND NOTICE OF A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TO CERTIFY THE FINAL SEIR

TO: All Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Oakland Army Base Auto Mall Project and Notice of a Planning Commission Meeting to Certify the same

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

PROJECT SPONSOR: Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Generally near the intersection of West Grand Avenue and Maritime Street, in the North Gateway and optionally East Gateway areas of the former Oakland Army Base (OARB).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project generally consists of redevelopment of approximately thirty (30) acres of land in the North Gateway portion of the OARB to provide space for four or five automobile dealerships, plus associated roadways and infrastructure improvements. The City of Oakland (as both Project sponsor and Lead Agency) has identified one additional project option (referred to as Option B) on a total of approximately sixty (60) acres of land in the North Gateway and East Gateway portions of the OARB that includes the Project as described above, plus three additional automobile dealerships and a 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.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** On April 17, 2006, a Draft SEIR was published for this project, and a 75-day public review and comment period occurred from April 17, 2006 to June 30, 2006. All comments that were received have been compiled and responded to in a Final SEIR, along with changes and clarifications to the Draft SEIR. The City of Oakland, as the Lead Agency, is hereby releasing this Final SEIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for certification. The preparation of the Final EIR has been overseen by the City's Environmental Review Officer or his/her representative, and the conclusions and recommendations in the EIR document represent the independent conclusions and recommendations of the City. Copies of the Final SEIR will be available for distribution to interested parties at no charge starting Friday, October 6th, 2006, after 3:00 p.m. at the Community and Economic Development Agency, Planning Division, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 3315, Oakland, CA 94612, Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on the City of Oakland Website along with copies of the previously certified OARB Redevelopment EIR at: <a href="http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/MajorProjectsSection/environmentaldocuments.html">http://www.oaklandnet.com/government/ceda/revised/planningzoning/MajorProjectsSection/environmentaldocuments.html</a>

**Public Hearing:** The Oakland Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 18, 2006, to consider certification of the Final SEIR for the project. Project approvals will be acted upon by the appropriate agencies at later dates. For further information please contact 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; email: eathornton@oaklandnet.com.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Wednesday, October 18th, 2006** at 6:30 p.m. City Planning Commission, Hearing Room 1, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (Considering certification of the Final SEIR)

Dated: October 3rd, 2006

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