



Read Below for Your Invitation to Participate in an Important Community Information Workshop!

Join with other community members and City staff to discuss the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed **Costco Warehouse Store and Gas Station Project**.

When: Wednesday, June 6, 2007 – 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Fair Oaks Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 2600 Middlefield Road

What: Redwood City is hosting this Community Information Workshop to provide an opportunity for everyone to hear about the next steps in the City's review of the proposed Costco expansion and gas station project. There will be a public hearing of the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 where action on the Final EIR and the project will be considered. The primary purpose of this workshop is to discuss the conclusions of the Final EIR and City process for review of the project.

Background:

In 2005, Costco Wholesale submitted an application to the City of Redwood City to demolish their existing building and replace it with a new, larger Costco Wholesale retail warehouse building in the back corner of their property. A new Costco gas station with 16 vehicle fueling positions is also proposed. Since that time, the City completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), which assessed the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project. The Draft EIR was circulated for public comment from November 8 through December 23, 2006, and the Planning Commission held a public hearing to receive comments on the Draft EIR on December 5, 2006.

The City has now completed the Final EIR, which includes all of the comments received, responses to those comments, and any necessary text revisions to the Draft EIR. The Planning Commission is required to certify that the Final EIR is complete and meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) before it can act on the project itself.

You can see a copy of the Final EIR at City Hall and the Downtown and Branch Libraries, and on the City's webpage (www.redwoodcity.org) under the "Hot Topics" menu starting on May 24, 2007. It will be available for public review from May 24 to June 14, 2007.

The City appreciates ongoing public involvement in this process, and will continue to engage and involve the community at every point in the process. For information about this or other Planning Services projects, call (650)780-7234.