



Public Hearing Notice and Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Report

Proposed Costco New Warehouse Store and Gas Station

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Redwood City (the "City") has completed and is making available for public review the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the new proposed Costco warehouse and gas station project. The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers**, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City to consider certification of the Final EIR and action on the Use Permit for the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Costco Wholesale is proposing the replacement of an existing Costco store at 2300 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. The proposed project includes demolition of the existing 121,400 sq. ft. retail warehouse building and construction of a new 148,663 sq. ft. building in a new location on their property. A new Costco gas station with 16 vehicle fueling positions is also proposed to be located at the northwestern corner of the property between Orchard Supply Hardware and Middlefield Road. The project would also eliminate the existing entrance at the intersection of Charter Street and Middlefield Road, and create a new entrance at the intersection of Willow Street and the project site. The applicant's (Costco) preferred alternative (a larger Costco of 160,931 sq. ft. and an alternative gas station location at the southwestern corner of the site) was also evaluated in the EIR. The project size is approximately 13.65 acres and is located in the Industrial Restricted (I-R) Zoning District. A Use Permit is required for the new warehouse store and the gas station per Zoning Ordinance Section 17.4 (E) and (F).

EIR CERTIFICATION: A Draft EIR was prepared for this project to assess potential environmental impacts and was made available and circulated for public review and comment, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It also examined environmental impacts for alternatives to the project, including the applicant's preferred alternative, as required by CEQA. The document was available for public comment for a 45-day public review period from November 8 to December 23, 2006. The City also held a public hearing on December 5, 2006 to receive public comment on the Draft EIR.

The Final EIR responds to the comments received on the Draft EIR and proposes text revisions to the Draft EIR in response to some comments. The Planning Commission will certify the Final EIR if it finds it acceptable and in conformance with CEQA. EIR certification must occur prior to action on the project. The Final EIR will be available for review for a 21-day period from May 24 to June 14, 2007 at the Redwood City Planning Division, City libraries, and on the City's web site (www.redwoodcity.org). Unlike the Draft EIR, comments on the Final EIR are not required to be responded to by the City. If written comments are received, they will be provided to the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator as part of the staff report for the project, which will be available on June 15, 2007.

You are being sent this notice because you own and/or reside at property located within 300 feet of the subject property (based on the latest equalized assessment rolls of record by the San Mateo County Assessor), you have indicated an interest in the project and/or have requested such notice be provided to you, or you may have expertise/experience regarding the project/site/issues.

All testimony must either be given in person at the time of the public hearing or received in writing by the Planning Division prior to the date of the public hearing. Testimony cannot be given over the telephone. If you challenge any of the foregoing described actions in court, an appeal first of said actions to the City Council within the time period established in the Municipal Code is required and you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission and/or Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, said public hearing.

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