Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the California Department of General Services Capitol Annex Project

YOU ARE INVITED TO REVIEW AND COMMENT

The California Department of General Services (DGS) is releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Capitol Annex Project for public review and comment from September 9, 2019 to October 24, 2019. This project would involve the demolition and reconstruction of the approximately 325,000 square foot existing Capitol Annex building (Annex), built in 1952 on the east side of the historic Capitol Building. Replacement of the Annex is proposed to address numerous deficiencies in the existing building including: life safety/building code deficiencies, non-compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, overcrowding, aging and failing infrastructure, and insufficient public and working space. The new Annex would serve the same purpose as the existing Annex, providing office space, hearing rooms, conference rooms, and supporting facilities for the Legislature and executive branch. The new Annex would be occupied by approximately 40,000 square foot underground visitor/welcome center located between 10th Street and the west steps of the Capitol. The existing basement parking under the Annex would be abandoned and replaced with new underground parking on the south side of the Capitol accommodating up to approximately 200 parking spaces. The DEIR identifies significant environmental effects in the areas of Aesthetics; Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources; Noise; and Biological Resources.

An informational workshop to inform the public of key analyses and conclusions of the DEIR will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the DAW Training Room, located at 925 L Street (Lower Level) Sacramento, CA 95814. A public hearing to receive comments on the DEIR will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, located at 828 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814, in the East Room.

Written comments will be accepted by DGS through 5:00 PM on October 24, 2019. Comments must be delivered or mailed to:

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The DEIR is available for review at the following locations:

- Department of General Services, Environmental Services Section between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM
- Sacramento Central Library at 828 I Street during library hours
- Request a copy by email at: environmental@dgs.ca.gov
- Download from the website: http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA