



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT**

**GOLETA TRAIN DEPOT PROJECT
27 S. La Patera Lane; APN 073-050-033**

ATTENTION: Pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 authorizing local jurisdictions subject to the Brown Act to hold public meetings telephonically and electronically in order to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Hearing Officer (EHO) hearing will be conducted telephonically and electronically and broadcast live on the City’s website. The Council Chambers will not be open to the public during the meeting. The EHO will be participating electronically and telephonically and will not be physically present in the Council Chambers.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Goleta, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Goleta Train Depot (the “project”). A description of the Project is provided below. The City invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis and mitigation measures described in the Draft EIR from *June 3, 2021 through July 19, 2021*.

A meeting to take comments on the Draft EIR will be held by the *Environmental Hearing Officer* on:

DATE AND TIME: **Wednesday June 30, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.**

LOCATION: **Teleconference Meeting**

Given the local, state, and national state of emergency, this meeting will be a teleconferenced meeting (with detailed instructions for participation included on the posted agenda)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project would be located at the northern terminus of S. La Patera Lane on a 2.5-acre project site currently occupied by an industrial warehouse structure (former DRI building), a parking lot, outdoor storage area, and vehicle yard. The project is located near a number of regionally important areas, land uses, and transportation facilities, which include Old Town Goleta, University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB), the Santa Barbara Airport, US Hwy 101, the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) train corridor, and the existing Goleta Rail Station.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would include demolition of an existing industrial warehouse structure (approximately 39,800 square feet) in order to develop a new train depot on the City-owned property adjacent to the existing Goleta Rail Station and Union Pacific right-of-way. The proposed new train depot is anticipated to be approximately 9,000 square feet. It would provide a permanent, enclosed, and safe structure for Amtrak passengers to use as they wait to board or after they disembark from trains. The proposed train depot would be located in the northern portion of the project site adjacent to the railroad right-of-way.

The proposed new train depot would include a lobby, vending machines, a café area for riders to purchase beverages and food, restroom facilities, multiple indoor waiting areas, a

meeting room, an on-site ticketing area, as well as adequate luggage and storage space. The project will also accommodate bicycle access and provide onsite bicycle storage options, as well as ample vehicle parking on an adjacent surface parking lot. A proposed “Kiss N’ Ride” space in front of the building would allow for designated pick-up and drop-off locations for passengers.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: The Draft EIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines, Article 7, EIR Process. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts in the following issue categories: biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, and geology and soils. All impacted were determined to be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures.

CORTESE LIST: The Project site is not listed on any hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites identified by Government Code § 65962.5 (the “Cortese list”).

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY and FURTHER INFORMATION: The Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR may be viewed on or after June 3, 2021 on the City’s website at <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/planning-and-environmental-review/ceqa-review>. For more information about this project, contact Jaime Valdez at 805-961-7568 or jvaldez@cityofgoleta.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The public comment period begins on June 3, 2021 and ends on July 19, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. All letters should be emailed to Jaime Valdez, Principal Project Manager at jvaldez@cityofgoleta.org. **All comments must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on July 19, 2021.** Please limit comments to environmental issues only.

IN LIGHT OF THE CITY’S NEED TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY AND TELEPHONICALLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, written comments may be submitted as instructed in the link below or via email to Jaime Valdez at jvaldez@cityofgoleta.org or by electronic means during the Environmental Hearing (date and time noted above), provided they are received prior to the conclusion of the public comment portion of the Public Hearing. Instructions on how to submit written comments during the hearing will be available on the City’s website: <https://www.cityofgoleta.org/i-want-to/news-and-updates/government-meeting-agendas-and-videos>. The public may use the following link to participate in the hearing June 30, 2021: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8391942649921794315>.

NOTE: If you challenge the City’s final action on this project in court, you may be limited to only those issues you or someone else raised in written or oral testimony and/or evidence provided to the City of Goleta Neighborhood Services and Public Safety Department on or before the date that the public comment period ends (Gov’t. Code § 65009 (b) (2)).

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