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July 15, 2008

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND NOTICE OF EIR SCOPING MEETING**

*pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended and
CEQA Guidelines*

ROUTE 238 BYPASS LAND USE STUDY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Hayward is undertaking a study to analyze the opportunities and constraints for future redevelopment of a number of State-owned vacant and/or underdeveloped parcels of land totaling approximately 355 acres, which extend in an "arcing" north-south direction from the east side of Foothill Boulevard just south of the I-580 freeway in the north, to Industrial Boulevard in the south. Some, but not all properties are contiguous to each other. These properties were acquired by Caltrans as right-of-way for the planned Foothill Bypass Freeway (Route 238), which will not be constructed. The study will result in development of a Concept Design Plan that could result in amendments to the City of Hayward General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

As an alternative to the Foothill Bypass Freeway, the City is pursuing implementation of the 238 Corridor Improvement Project, which is a different project for which separate environmental analysis has been conducted. That project entails improvements along the existing Foothill Boulevard-Mission Boulevard corridor.

Serving as the Lead Agency, the City of Hayward will be preparing a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which will examine at a general program level, the potentially significant environmental effects of potential development that could occur as a result of the study and related amendments, as well as providing alternatives and/or mitigation measures to reduce or avoid those significant impacts. A Draft EIR (DEIR) will be published for public review and comment, and a Final EIR will be prepared to respond to comments received during the review period on the DEIR. The City of Hayward City Council must certify the EIR as a complete, accurate, and objective analysis prior to approving the proposed project.

The Lead Agency needs to know your views as to the scope and content of the EIR. If you represent a public agency, please provide information that is germane to your statutory responsibilities as they may be affected by this project. Responsible and trustee agencies are encouraged to use the EIR that will be prepared by the City when considering approvals they may grant related to the project. A scoping meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 30, 2008 between 6:30 and 8 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers at Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541.

The project location and general description, as well as a preliminary discussion of the potential environmental effects, are contained in the attached materials, which includes the Initial Study. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent **not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice**. Please send your response to:

Sara Buizer, AICP, Senior Planner
City of Hayward Planning Division
777 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541

Please provide the name, mailing address, telephone number and e-mail address of a contact person with your response.

Signed: Sara M. Buizer

Date: July 15, 2008