



**NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED  
FIRESTONE BOULEVARD/ATLANTIC AVENUE INTERSECTION  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**To:** Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties  
**From:** City of South Gate, Community Development Department  
**Date:** July 10, 2007  
**SCH #:** 2007031070  
**Case:** Preliminary Environmental Assessment No. 1780

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That the City of South Gate (City) in its role as Lead Agency has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project described herein and invites comments on the adequacy and completeness of the environmental analysis described in the Draft EIR.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is located within the City of South Gate, which is centrally located within the County of Los Angeles and is bordered by the cities of Downey to the east, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, and Huntington Park to the north, Walnut Park, Los Angeles, and the Los Angeles County unincorporated area to the west, and the City of Lynwood to the south. The Firestone Boulevard/Atlantic Avenue intersection is centrally located in the eastern portion of the City and is considered the gateway entrance into the City from the I-710 Freeway. The I-710 Freeway is located approximately 0.75 miles east of the project site and the Glenn Anderson Freeway and Transit Way (I-105) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of the project site.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City proposes improvements to the Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue intersection, along with improvements to Mason Street, extensions of Mason Street and Annetta Avenue, and the construction of a City Hall Annex with related public facilities. The proposed improvements would include expansion of Atlantic Avenue along its westerly edge and expansion of Firestone Boulevard along its northerly edge, with a general realignment of the intersection itself. Expansion of the Atlantic Avenue and Firestone Boulevard rights-of-way would improve the level of service of the intersection by increasing the number of lanes and reducing existing lane-line offsets to meet Los Angeles County Department of Public Works standards, thereby enhancing traffic conditions and safety. The roadway expansion would require the acquisition of 13 parcels of property, comprised of multiple legal lots, and removal of 13 buildings and related structures along Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue, within the area proposed for the roadway improvements. In addition, the project would require dedication, or acquisition, of the property adjoining the west side of Atlantic Avenue, and the north side of Firestone Boulevard, west of Hildreth Avenue. In addition to the improvements to Atlantic Avenue and Firestone Boulevard, the proposed project would also include improvements to Mason Street, which would be extended to Annetta Avenue. Annetta Avenue would also be improved and extended to Mason Street north of Firestone Boulevard. Land between Mason Street and Firestone Boulevard not necessary for actual roadway improvements would be used for a City Hall Annex including a police substation (+/- 8,000 square feet) and other public services and facilities such as sidewalks/pedestrian amenities, landscaping, a public plaza area, and public parking.

As an alternative, the City may elect to abandon Mason Street and join the half-width of that street with any residual land between Mason Street and Firestone Boulevard not used for roadway improvements and the other public amenities, services, and facilities described above. Under the alternative, the land so joined would likely be designated as surplus property and would be disposed of consistent with Government Code Sections 54220 *et seq.* Should the surplus property be exempt, or no entity identified in the preceding statutory sections desire the surplus property, such surplus property, under the alternative, would be offered to the owner or owners of the property lying to the north of current Mason Street.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS:** The Draft EIR has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the State guidelines for the implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and focuses on potential impacts of the project on land use, traffic, aesthetics, air quality, noise, and hazardous materials.

Based on the analysis provided in the Draft EIR, the project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft EIR will be available for public review and/or purchase on and after July 10, 2007 at the City of South Gate Community Development Department located at 8650 California Street, South Gate California, 90280, and the Leland R. Weaver Library located at 4035 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate California, 90280. The Draft EIR will also be available for viewing on the City's website at <http://www.cityofsouthgate.org/>. Contact Steve Lefever, Director of Community Development at (323) 563-9566.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** Please provide written comments to Steve Lefever, Director of Community Development, at the City of South Gate, 8650 California Street, South Gate California, 90280 prior to the close of the 45-day public review period **beginning July 10, 2007 and commencing at 5:00 P.M. on August 23, 2007.**

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