



Planning and Development Department
Land Use Planning Division

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT (1201 SECOND STREET)

The City of Berkeley has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the 1201 Second Street Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Replacement Project (“the project”) and is requesting comments on the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR addresses the potential physical environmental effects of the project for each of the environmental topics outlined in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Copies of the Draft EIR are on file at the City’s offices and are located online at: <https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx>. Click on Zoning tab; enter permit number #ZP2021-0215; click on the “Record Info” drop down menu; click on Attachments for a list of all application materials. Search for Draft EIR documents dated August 3, 2026.

This notice is being sent to the California State Clearinghouse, Alameda County Clerk, adjacent cities, and other interested parties and individuals who have indicated they would like to review the Draft EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Solid Waste and Recycling Transfer Station Replacement Project (1201 Second Street)

PROJECT APPLICANT: City of Berkeley Public Works Department, Zero Waste Division, 1201 Second Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

PROJECT LOCATION: The 7.48-acre project site is located at 669 Gilman Street and at 1101, 1199–1231, 1201, and 1203 Second Street and consists of six separate parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 60-2382-3-3, 60-2382-1-2, 60-2382-3-1, 60-2362-1-9 and 60-2362-1-11, 60-2362-1-8, and 60-2362-1-10) in the West Berkeley Plan area. The primarily paved site contains a solid waste transfer station, materials recovery facility (MRF), maintenance and administrative buildings, recycling and buyback operations, fueling and truck-washing facilities, and ancillary structures; Codornices Creek, railroad tracks, Gilman Street, and Second Street border the site.

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND: The project would demolish the existing facilities and construct a 45,500-square-foot transfer station, 35,000-square-foot Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), 14,000-square-foot vehicle maintenance building, 17,700-square-foot administrative building, truck wash, public

recycling center, fueling and parking facilities, and related improvements. Roadway, pedestrian, and landscaping improvements would occur along Second and Gilman streets. The project would improve circulation, preserve 14 riparian-corridor trees, remove 46 other trees, and provide 36,900 square feet of transitional creek, ornamental, and retained creek landscaping. Stormwater improvements would include bioswales, pervious pavement, rainwater capture and reuse, an underground detention basin, and treatment vaults. Construction would occur in eight phases over approximately five years; transfer-station services would generally remain operational, while recyclables would temporarily be diverted to other permitted facilities during MRF construction.

More information about the proposed project can be found on the City's website: <https://aca.cityofberkeley.info/CitizenAccess/Default.aspx>. Click on Zoning tab; enter permit number #ZP2021-0215; click on the "Record Info" drop down menu; click on Attachments for a list of all application materials.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR found that the proposed project would have no environmental impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources, mineral resources, population and housing, recreation, and wildfire. The Draft EIR found that the proposed project could have potentially significant effects related to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. Impacts would be reduced to less than significant with implementation of mitigation measures. The Draft EIR found that the proposed project would have no significant unavoidable direct, indirect or cumulative environmental impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Draft EIR will be available for public comment for a 45-day review period as specified by CEQA Guidelines Section 15105. The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public and reviewing agencies an opportunity to consider the content of the Draft EIR and the potential environmental impacts that may result from project implementation.

Comments pertaining to the impact analysis, criteria and thresholds, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft EIR will be considered by the City during preparation of the Final EIR. The Final EIR will include copies of comments and the City's responses to comments pertaining to the environmental analysis provided in the Draft EIR.

The public comment period for the Draft EIR will begin on August 3, 2026 and end on **September 17, 2026** (a 45-day public review period). Comments may be submitted by mail or email by **5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2026**. Please include the name of the contact person and contact information for your agency, and direct your comments to:

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PUBLIC HEARING: The City of Berkeley Zoning Adjustments Board is anticipated to

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take public comments and consider the Draft EIR at their regularly scheduled meeting on **Thursday, September 10, 2026**. The meeting will start at **7:00 PM** and be held via video and teleconference as well as in person. Interested parties should check the Zoning Adjustments Board website for information on how to join the meeting and to confirm the meeting date, time, location and agenda: <https://berkeleyca.gov/your-government/boards-commissions/zoning-adjustments-board>



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