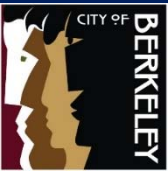


# ADELINE CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING



**Planning Commission Meeting**  
July 18, 2018  
South Berkeley Senior Center

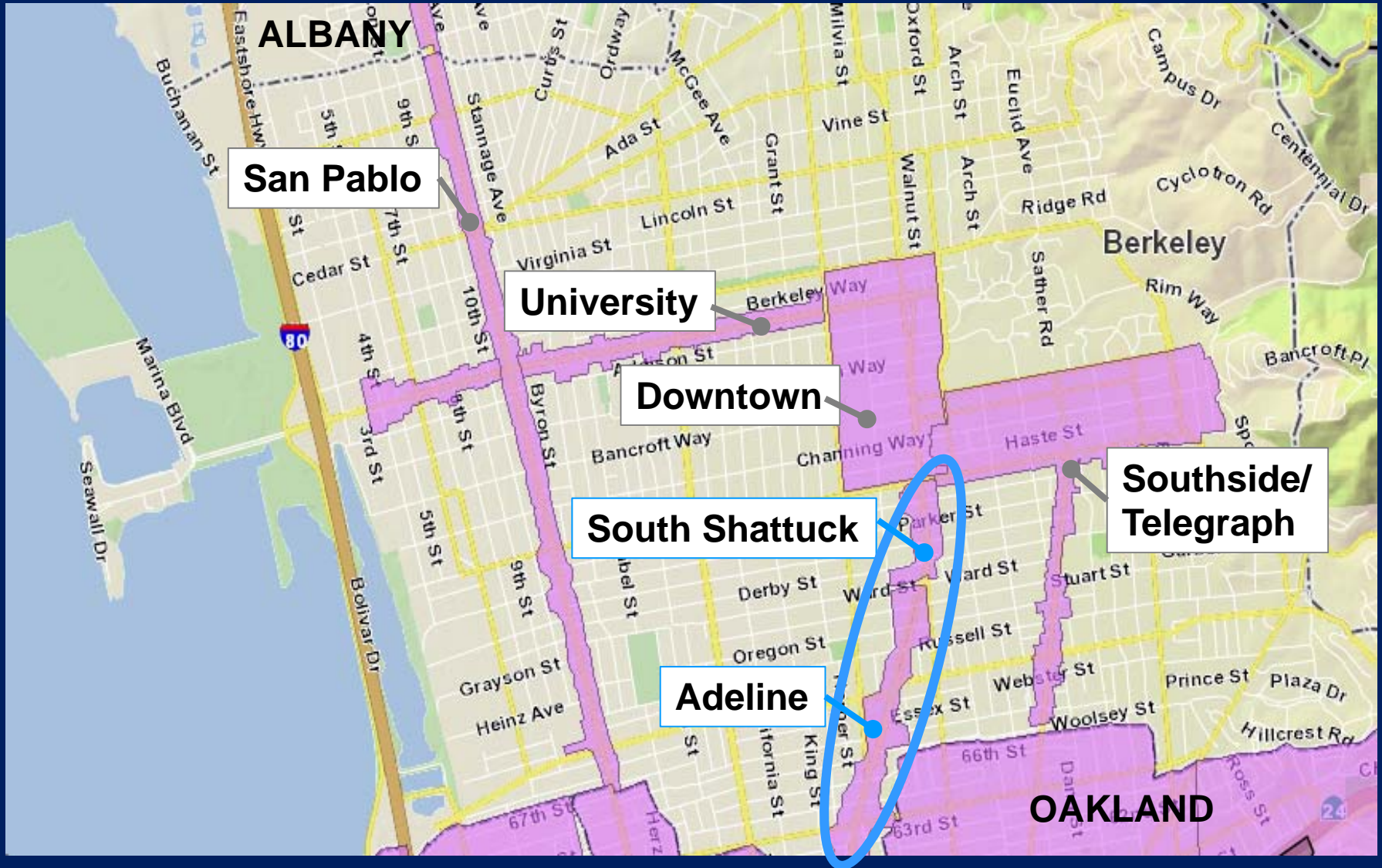


## AGENDA

- **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**  
**Scoping Meeting**
  - Planning Process Update
  - Preparing the EIR
  - Receive public comments about environmental impacts that should be studied in the EIR

# BACKGROUND

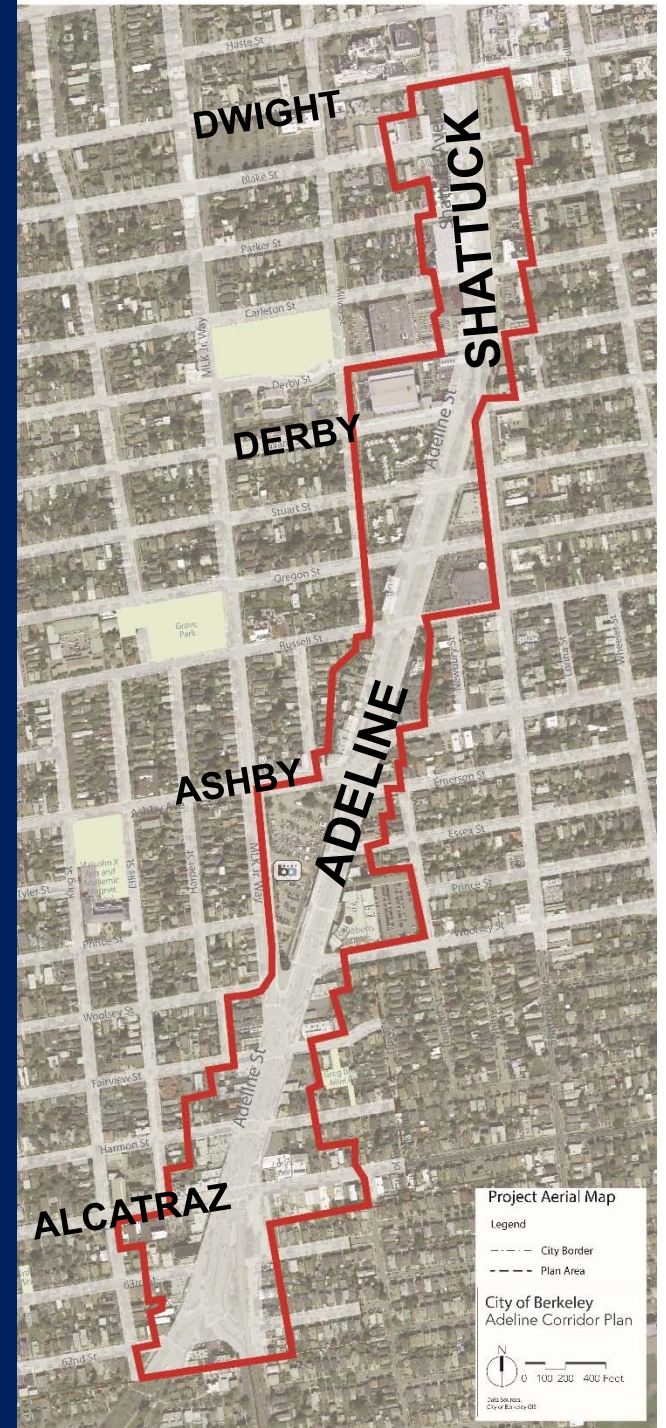
## Six Council-designated “Priority Development Areas” (PDAs) - 2007





## BACKGROUND

- Grant-funded planning process started in 2015
- Specific plan document with a 20+ year time horizon
- Better positions the City to secure future funding for plan recommendations



# PLANNING PROCESS



**Visioning,  
Existing  
Conditions**

**Develop  
Plan  
Direction**

**Draft Plan &  
Environmental  
Impact Report  
(DEIR)**

**Final Plan &  
Environmental  
Impact Report  
(FEIR)**



- ❖ **Existing Conditions Report**
- Surveys, Open Houses, Pop-Up Events, Workshops, Stakeholder Meetings

- ❖ **Plan Concepts**
- Open Houses, Stakeholder Meetings
- 7/18 EIR Scoping Mtg.
- 8/2 Mayor/CM Bartlett Ashby BART Mtg.

- ❖ **Draft Plan**
- ❖ **Draft EIR**
- 45-day public comment period (DEIR)
- Additional Community Engagement

- ❖ **Final Plan**
- ❖ **Final EIR**
- Planning Commission, City Council
- Additional Community Engagement

## DEVELOPING THE DRAFT PLAN (THE EIR “PROJECT”)

- Community input
- Existing adopted plans, policies and laws
  - (e.g., at the federal, State, regional and City levels)
- “Best practices” and examples from other jurisdictions
- Technical analysis of potential options



**DRAFT PLAN  
DOCUMENT**

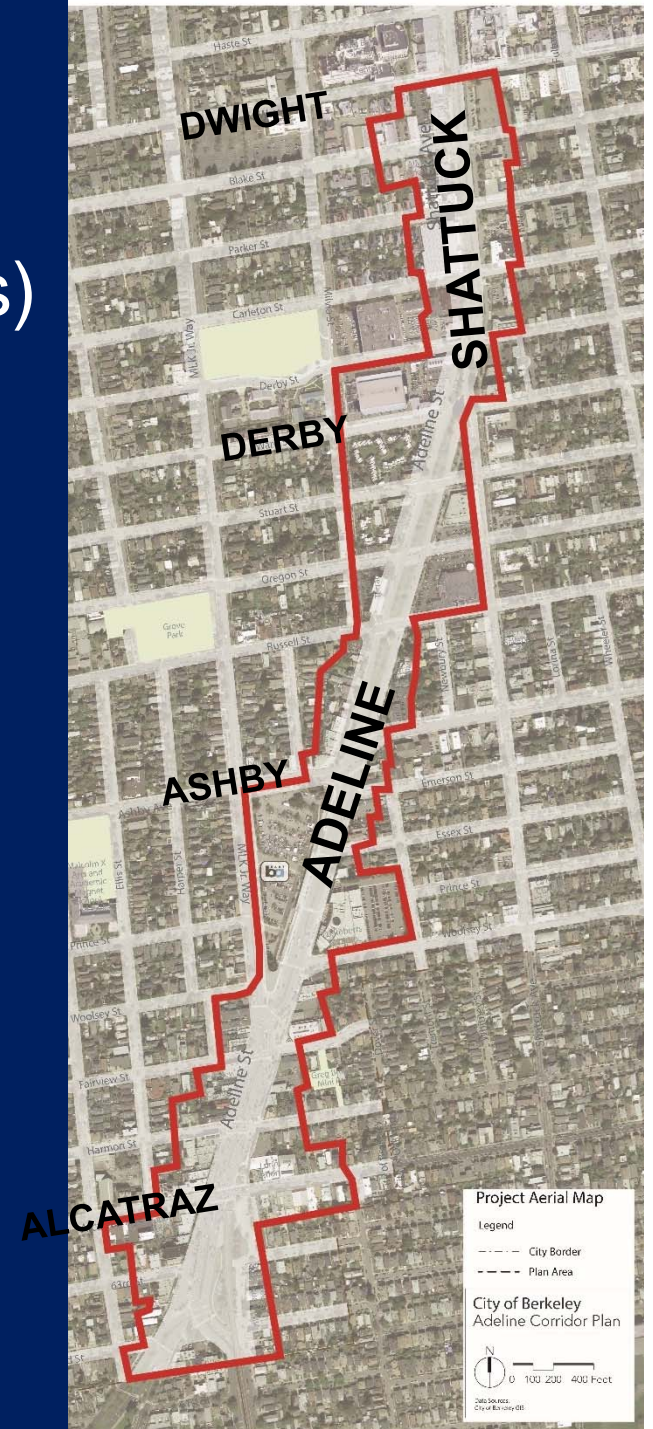
## DEVELOPING THE DRAFT PLAN (THE EIR “PROJECT”)

- Vision and Guiding Principles
- Housing
- Economic Opportunity
- Land Use and Character
- Public Space
- Transportation
- Implementation



## THE DRAFT PLAN (THE EIR “PROJECT”)

- Time horizon year 2040 (20+ years)
- Vision, policies and programs
- Proposed capital improvements
  - (e.g. changes in roadway design, public facilities, public space)
- Zoning standards and guidelines
  - (e.g. building height, density and use)
- Projected estimate of potential development that *could* happen on vacant/underutilized land by 2040





## PREPARING THE EIR : WHAT IS A “PROGRAM” EIR

A “program EIR” is a type of EIR that:

- Addresses large scale, long-term projects
- Analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed project (the Plan) that have a **physical effect** on the environment.
- Streamlines future environmental review procedures of individual projects that are consistent with the Specific Plan\*

*\*There are no specific development projects that are being proposed as part of the Plan)*

## ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ANALYZED IN THE EIR

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

*\*Note: The following environmental topics will not be the subject of the Draft EIR: Aesthetics (for transit priority/infill sites), Agriculture and Forestry Resources and Mineral Resources (because no such resources are in the Plan Area).*

## SUMMARY OF EIR ANALYSIS

### The EIR will:

- Analyze environmental impacts of the Project (the Plan)
- Identify “mitigation measures” to avoid or minimize impacts that would be potentially significant
- Analyze alternatives to the Project that may be environmentally superior to the proposed Project, while also achieving project objectives



## TONIGHT'S MEETING

- To receive public comment on issues the EIR should address, potential alternatives and feasible mitigation measures

*Note: Comments may also be emailed or mailed by August 6<sup>th</sup> to:*

**Alisa Shen, City of Berkeley Planning Department**

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Email: [ashen@cityofberkeley.info](mailto:ashen@cityofberkeley.info)

\*Please make subject line “Adeline Corridor Plan N.O.P.”



Extra slides



# Vision

*The Adeline corridor is envisioned to be a “connector” that weaves together healthy, diverse and vibrant neighborhoods.*

*It will be a citywide and national model for equitable development, preserving and creating high-quality affordable housing for a range of income levels while providing economic opportunity through independent businesses, community non-profits, arts organizations, community markets, and a dynamic array of merchants and local services.*

*It will provide safe, complete streets and other public spaces that are walkable, bikeable, green, and accessible for persons of all ages and abilities.*

*It will be a place where history—the experiences and contributions of people, places and institutions that have made South Berkeley what it is today—is recognized and reflected in its future.*

*It will be a place where people in all stations of life have equitable access to shared prosperity, high quality of life, and a sense belonging as the neighborhood evolves into the future.*

## DEVELOPING THE DRAFT PLAN (THE EIR “PROJECT”)

### Plan Vision (Summary)

- Make the Adeline Corridor a “connector” that weaves together healthy, diverse, and vibrant neighborhoods;
- Champion equitable, transit-oriented development, including high-quality affordable housing for a range of income levels, and that supports a thriving business community populated by independent locally-owned business, non-profits and arts organizations;
- Provide safe, “complete streets” and other public spaces that are walkable, bikeable, green, and accessible for persons of all ages and abilities;
- Create a place where history—the experiences and contributions of people, places and institutions that have made South Berkeley what it is today—is recognized and reflected in its future; and,
- Create a place where people have equitable access and opportunity to shared prosperity and quality of life.

## DEVELOPING THE DRAFT PLAN (THE EIR “PROJECT”)

Five Focus Areas/ Plan Chapters	Plan Content
▪ <b>Housing</b>	Strategies to preserve existing affordable housing, address displacement, create new affordable housing
▪ <b>Economic Opportunity</b>	Strategies to foster economic opportunity for neighborhood residents and businesses
▪ <b>Land Use and Character</b>	Zoning standards and guidelines that support equitable development and preservation of the area’s history and heritage
▪ <b>Public Space</b>	Roadway re-design concepts that enhance and/or create public space and improve mobility and safety
▪ <b>Transportation</b>	Improvements for mobility, access and safety for users of all ages and abilities and strategies to more efficiently manage parking.



## RECENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Adeline Community Open House and Workshops
- Stakeholder Meetings
  - E.g. Berkeley Chapter NAACP, African American Holistic Resource Center Committee, East Bay Center for the Blind, Friends of Adeline, Harpers Crossing, local church members and pastors, Drop-In Center, Flea Market Board and vendors, Farmers Market, Juneteenth organizers, Healthy Black Families, Lorin Business Association

