

1 INTRODUCTION

The Dublin Boulevard – North Canyons Parkway Extension Project (Project) Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) was circulated for a 45-day public review period from March 6, 2019, to April 22, 2019, as assigned by the State of California Governor’s Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse and consistent with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) regulations. Copies of the document were distributed to federal, state, regional, and local agencies, as well as organizations and individuals, for their review and comment.

This Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) has been prepared in accordance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and the City of Dublin’s CEQA procedures. This document represents the independent judgment of the City of Dublin as CEQA Lead Agency. This FEIR, together with the Draft EIR, technical appendices, and other written documentation prepared during the EIR process, will constitute the FEIR. This includes any modifications to those documents made by the City Council at the time of certification. This is in accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15132, and the City of Dublin’s environmental document reporting procedures. The Draft EIR and appendices to the Draft EIR are included in this FEIR as Attachment A and Attachment B.

1.1 DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION AND FRAMEWORK

This FEIR is organized as follows: Chapter 1 provides a brief introduction to this report. Chapter 2 provides a list of agencies and interested persons who commented on the Draft EIR. This chapter provides responses to substantive comments related to CEQA and the Draft EIR that were received during the 45-day review period. To facilitate review of the responses, an index number has been assigned to each comment letter and each individual comment within the comment letter. This identifier is used to identify both the comment and the corresponding response. Chapter 2 also contains copies of all public comments received on the Draft EIR. Chapter 3 contains text changes to the Draft EIR. Chapter 4 contains a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program, a required component of the EIR process. As part of the CEQA environmental review procedures, Public Resources Code §21081.6 requires a public agency to adopt a monitoring and reporting program to ensure efficacy and enforceability of any mitigation measures applied to the proposed project.

City staff has reviewed the comment letters and information generated in the course of preparing responses and has determined that none of this material constitutes significant new information that requires a recirculation period for further public comment under CEQA Guideline Section 15088.5. None of this material indicates that the project will result in a significant new environmental impact not previously disclosed in the Draft EIR. Additionally, none of this material indicates that there would be a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified environmental impact that would not be mitigated, or that there would be any of the other circumstances requiring recirculation as described in Section 15088.5.

1.2 CEQA REQUIREMENTS REGARDING COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

CEQA Guidelines Section 15204(a) outlines parameters for submitting comments and reminds persons and public agencies that the focus of review and comment of Draft EIRs should be, “on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing possible impacts on the environment and ways in which significant effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated. Comments are most helpful when they suggest additional specific alternatives or mitigation measures that would provide better ways to avoid or mitigate the significant environmental effects. At the same time, reviewers should be aware that the adequacy of an EIR is determined in terms of what is reasonably feasible, in light of factors such as the magnitude of the project at issue, the severity of its likely environmental impacts, and geographic scope of the project. CEQA does not require a lead agency to conduct every test or perform all research, study, and experimentation recommended or demanded by commenters. When responding to comments, lead agencies need only respond to significant environmental issues and do not need to provide all information requested by reviewers, as long as a good faith effort at full disclosure is made in the EIR.”