

LAWRENCE STATION AREA PLAN (LSAP) HOUSING STUDY AND BOUNDARY EXPANSION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT



Sunnyvale

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2019

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

456 W. OLIVE AVENUE

PROJECT TEAM

Lead Agency: City of Sunnyvale

- ▶ Amber Blizinski, Principal Planner
- ▶ George Schroeder, Senior Planner

Environmental Impact Report Consultant: Ascent Environmental

- ▶ Pat Angell, Project Director
- ▶ Kristen Stoner, Project Manager

AGENDA

Purpose of Scoping Meeting

Project Overview

What is CEQA?

- ▶ What is an EIR?
- ▶ The EIR Process
- ▶ Key Environmental Issues

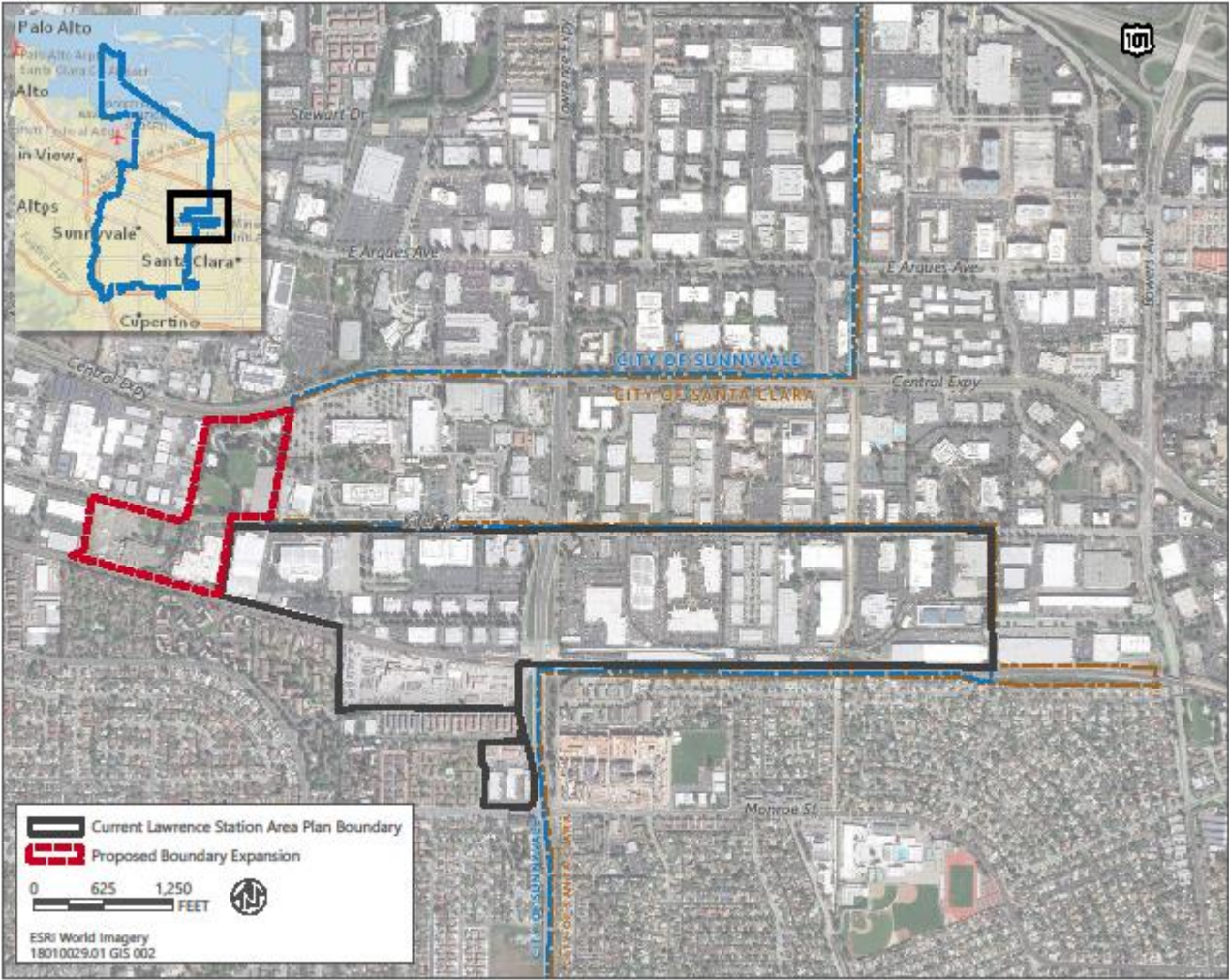
CEQA Schedule

Public Input

PURPOSE OF THIS SCOPING MEETING

- ▶ NOT A HEARING/NO PROJECT DECISIONS
- ▶ Provide information and clarification about what is being proposed
- ▶ Outline issues to be evaluated in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ▶ Describe ongoing public review process
- ▶ Receive public and agency comments on the proposed scope and content of the Draft EIR

PROJECT LOCATION



Source: data downloaded from Santa Clara County in 2017

1/31/2019

Boundary Expansion

PROJECT BACKGROUND

- ▶ December 2016: City Council certified the LSAP EIR and adopted LSAP.
- ▶ Council provided direction to study additional housing opportunities within the LSAP area.
- ▶ Council also directed staff to prepare a Sense of Place Plan.
- ▶ April 2017: Council adopted an update to the City's Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE) of its General Plan.

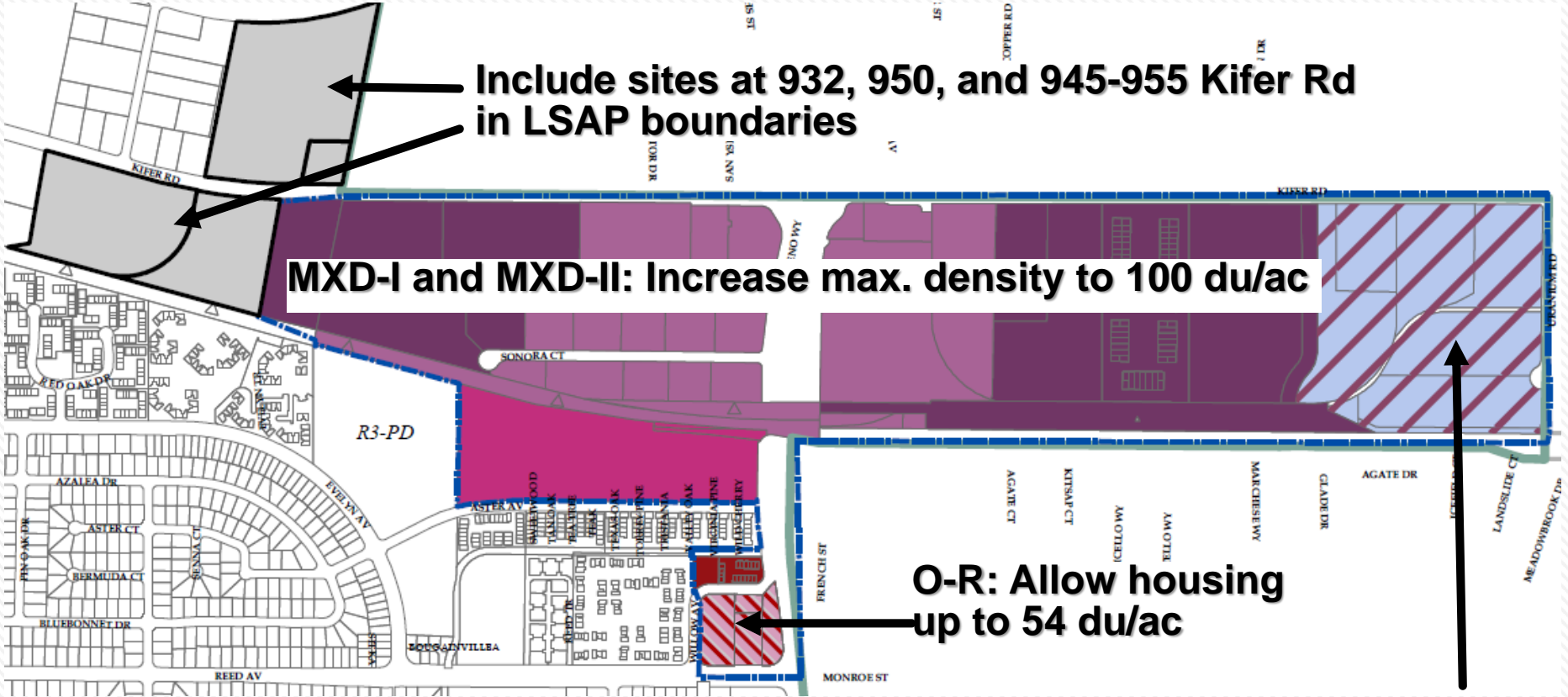
PROJECT BACKGROUND

- ▶ June 2018: Council selected a preferred housing study option:
 - Increase the density allowance for both MXD-I and MXD-II zoned areas
 - Expands the area for where housing may be considered to the M-S/LSAP and O-R zoning districts.
- ▶ August 2018: City Council authorized study to expand the existing LSAP boundary to the west to include 932, 950, and 945-955 Kifer Road

PROPOSED LSAP AMENDMENTS

- ▶ Housing Study: to provide for additional housing potential in the LSAP (3,612 units in addition to 2,323 already allowed)
- ▶ LSAP Boundary Expansion: expand the boundary to include three additional office/research and development (R&D) sites owned by Intuitive Surgical, Inc.
- ▶ Sense of Place Plan

PROJECT MAP



WHAT IS CEQA

California Environmental Quality Act

- ▶ Public disclosure process
- ▶ Public participation is essential
- ▶ Avoid or mitigate for environmental impacts
- ▶ Certification of an EIR does not indicate approval of the project

WHAT IS AN EIR?

An informational document

- ▶ Discloses information about the effects a proposed project could have on the environment
- ▶ Identifies mitigation measures
- ▶ Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project

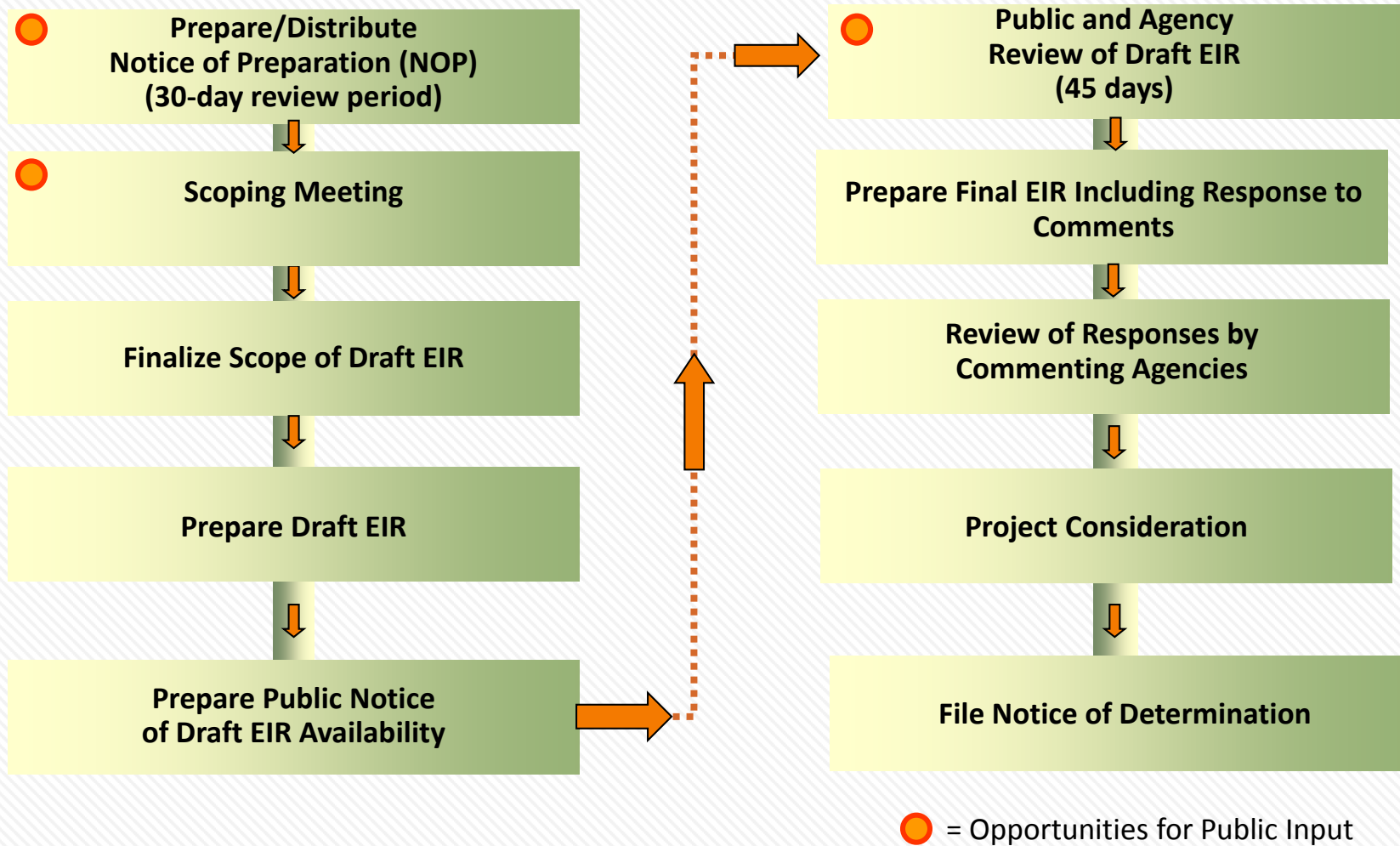
Must be certified prior to project approval

SUBSEQUENT EIR

Subsequent EIR focuses on amendments to the LSAP

- ▶ Uses the analysis of the certified LSAP EIR
- ▶ Determines whether amendments to the LSAP would result in new or substantially more severe environmental impacts as compared to the analysis in the original LSAP EIR.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Air Quality
- ▶ Archaeological, Historic, and Tribal Cultural Resources
- ▶ Biological Resources
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Geology and Soils
- ▶ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ▶ Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- ▶ Hydrology and Water Quality
- ▶ Land Use and Planning
- ▶ Noise and Vibration
- ▶ Population and Housing
- ▶ Public Services and Utilities
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Traffic and Circulation

CEQA SCHEDULE

NOP Review Ends	February 11, 2019
Draft EIR Released	Summer 2019
Final EIR Released	Fall 2019
EIR Certification	Early 2020

PUBLIC INPUT

- ▶ Verbal comments may be offered

In order for your comments to become part of the record, please provide your comments in writing.

- ▶ Focus comments on environmental issues

PROVIDING WRITTEN COMMENTS

Submit Comment Sheet(s) Tonight or Direct
Comments To:

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Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019.

PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/business/projects/lawrence.htm>

Or, sunnyvale.ca.gov, click *Current Topics*,
then *Lawrence Station Area Plan*



Current Topics



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