

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A  
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING  
MEETING FOR THE  
TWO RIVERS TRAIL PHASE III MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
March 31, 2025, to May 1, 2025**

**Scoping Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**  
**Zoom Link: [www.cityofsacramento.gov/tworiverstrail](http://www.cityofsacramento.gov/tworiverstrail)**

**Responsible agencies and members of the public are invited to attend and provide input on the scope of the EIR. The scoping meeting will be conducted in a virtual format with presentation and time for questions and answers after. Written comments regarding relevant issues may be submitted during and after the meeting.**

**INTRODUCTION**

The City of Sacramento (City) is the Lead Agency for preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the proposed Two Rivers Trail Phase III Multi-Use Trail Project (Project). The SEIR to be prepared by the City will evaluate potential significant environmental effects of the proposed Project and other actions associated with the proposed Project. Written comments regarding the issues that should be covered in the SEIR, including potential alternatives to the proposed Project and the scope of the analysis, are invited.

The SEIR for the proposed Project is being prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Under CEQA, upon deciding to prepare an SEIR, the City as lead agency must issue a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform trustee agencies, the public, and responsible agencies of that decision. The purpose of the NOP is to provide information describing the project and its potential environmental effects to those who may wish to comment regarding the scope and content of the information to be included in the SEIR. Agencies should comment on such information as it relates to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

The SEIR will provide an evaluation of potential environmental impacts associated with development of the proposed Project. The proposed project description, location, and environmental issue areas that may be affected by development of the proposed Project are described below. The SEIR will evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Project, on both a direct and cumulative basis, identify mitigation measures that may be feasible to lessen or avoid such impacts, and identify alternatives to the proposed Project.

## **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

In December 2022, the City approved the Final EIR (FEIR) for the Two Rivers Trail Phase II Project which will construct approximately 3.4 miles of Class I bicycle and pedestrian trail along the south bank of the American River extending from Tiscornia Park at Jibboom Street to the H Street Bridge in Sacramento, California (SCH #2018102058). Since then, the Project has been updated to include additional trail alignments and design features that were not previously analyzed. As the lead agency, the City will prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report that will tier from the certified 2022 FEIR and will evaluate whether the proposed new alignment and design features for the trail would result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts, than the impacts disclosed in the 2022 FEIR.

## **PROJECT LOCATION/SETTING**

Figures 1 and 2 shows the location of the Project area in the Sacramento region. The Project area is generally bounded by the American River to the north; 28th Street to the east; and ends on the levee approximately 0.10 mile west of SR-160. Figure 3 illustrates the proposed study area for the trail alignment.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City proposes to construct approximately 1.8 miles of bicycle and pedestrian trail along the south bank of the American River that extends from the 28<sup>th</sup>/A Street intersection to the west, ending on the levee approximately 0.10 mile west of SR-160 (see Figure 3). The Two Rivers Trail Phase III Project would generally consist of a 12-foot-wide paved path with a 2-foot-wide compacted decomposed granite (DG) shoulders on each side. To accommodate project constraints and phasing, there will also be segments where the trail width will be slightly reduced and where the trail is composed of DG (unpaved). On-street bicycle lanes are also proposed in some locations as part of the Project.

This Project is essential for closing gaps in the existing and planned trail system, improving access to retail, employment, and recreational amenities for users of all ages and abilities. No permanent right-of-way acquisitions are required; however, temporary construction easements/maintenance agreements will be needed on UPRR parcels, and some utility relocations will be required.

This project is locally funded and therefore requires compliance with CEQA. The lead agency for CEQA compliance is the City.

### **Project Purpose**

The purpose of the Project is to:

- Provide a vital recreation link between the Jedediah Smith Trail on the north side of the American River Parkway, the Sacramento River Parkway, the Sacramento Northern Bikeway Trail, the future Ueda Parkway trails, and the 20th Street bike connection to the Central City;

- Provide alternative transportation access for commuters and residents in the eastern part of the City, California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), Central City, North Sacramento, East Sacramento, and Richards Boulevard area;
- Provide trail users with a connection to the river and the American River Parkway; and
- Provide an American's with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant, active transportation connection to adjacent communities throughout the Sacramento area for pedestrians and bicyclists of all ages and abilities to access retail, jobs, and recreational amenities.

### **Project Need**

The Project is needed to provide a gap closure in the existing and planned trail system, improving access to retail, employment, and recreational amenities for users of all ages and abilities.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND SCOPE OF THE EIR**

The SEIR will analyze potentially significant impacts that result from construction of the proposed Project.

Pursuant to section 15063 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study has not been prepared for the proposed project. The SEIR will evaluate the full range of environmental issues contemplated for consideration under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, including:

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

The SEIR will identify and evaluate a range of reasonable alternatives to the proposed Project.

## **SUBMITTING COMMENTS**

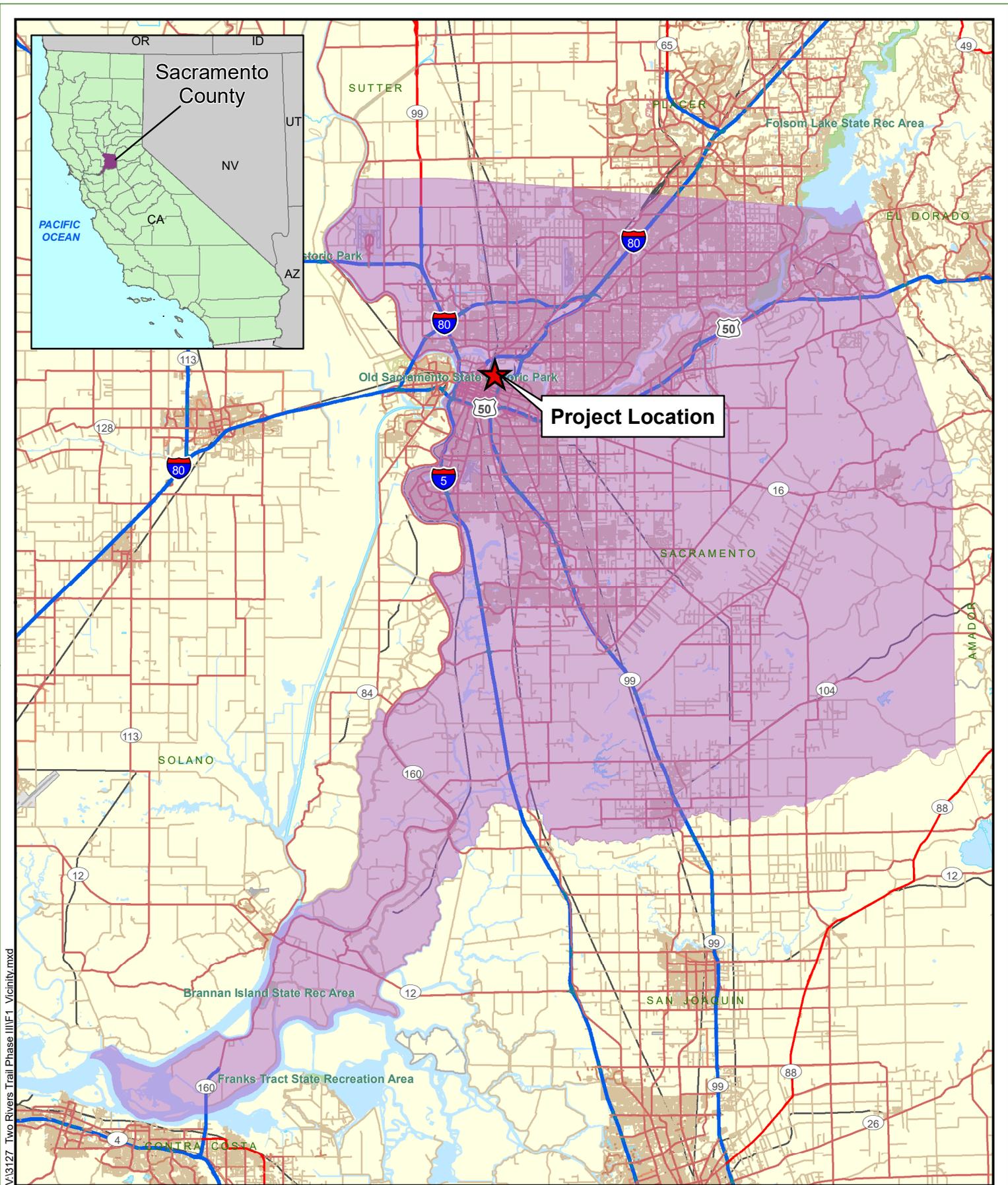
Comments and suggestions as to the appropriate scope of analysis in the SEIR are invited from all interested parties. Written comments or questions concerning the SEIR for the proposed Project should be directed to the City's environmental planner at the following address by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2025. Please include the commenter's full name and address.

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Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map

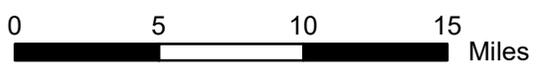
Figure 2: Project Location Map

Figure 3: Proposed Trail Alignment



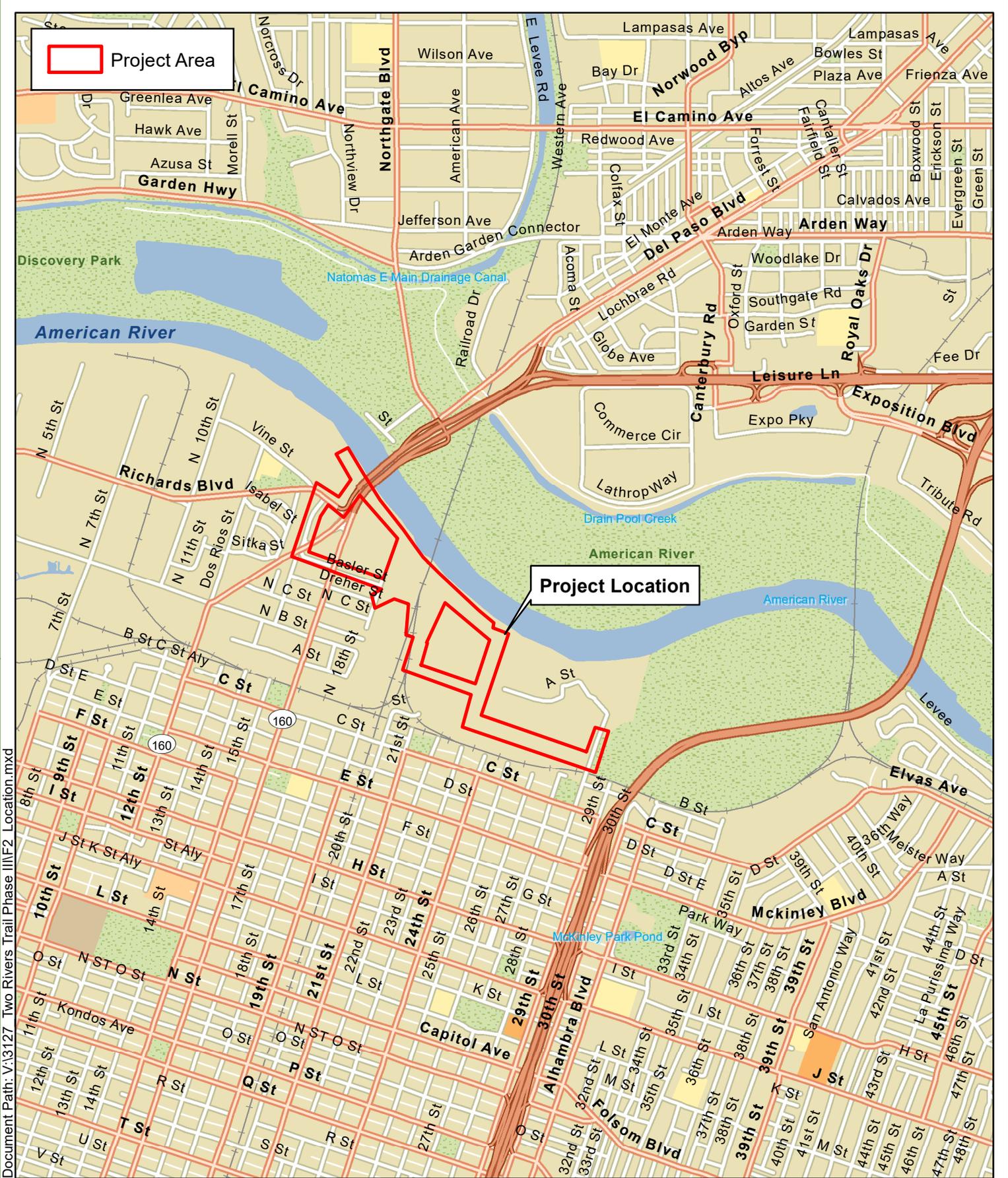
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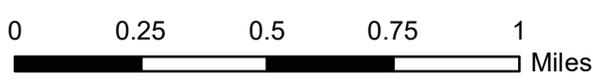
**FIGURE 1**  
**Project Vicinity**

Two Rivers Trail Phase III Project  
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California



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**FIGURE 2**  
**Project Location**

Two Rivers Trail Phase III  
UPRR East Crossing Project  
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California

**Proposed Trail Alignment**



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**Proposed Trail Alignment**

Two Rivers Trail Phase III Project  
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, California