



Commonwealth Corporate Center Project EIR

Menlo Park Planning Commission
Scoping Session
August 20, 2012

Presentation Topics

- Introduction to the Project Team
- Introduction to the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Purpose of Scoping
- Project Overview
- Probable Environmental Issues
- Submitting Comments
- Next Steps

Introduction to EIR Project Team

- **City of Menlo Park** – Lead Agency
- **Atkins** – Lead Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Consultant
- **DKS Associates** – Transportation Consultant

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Introduction to EIR

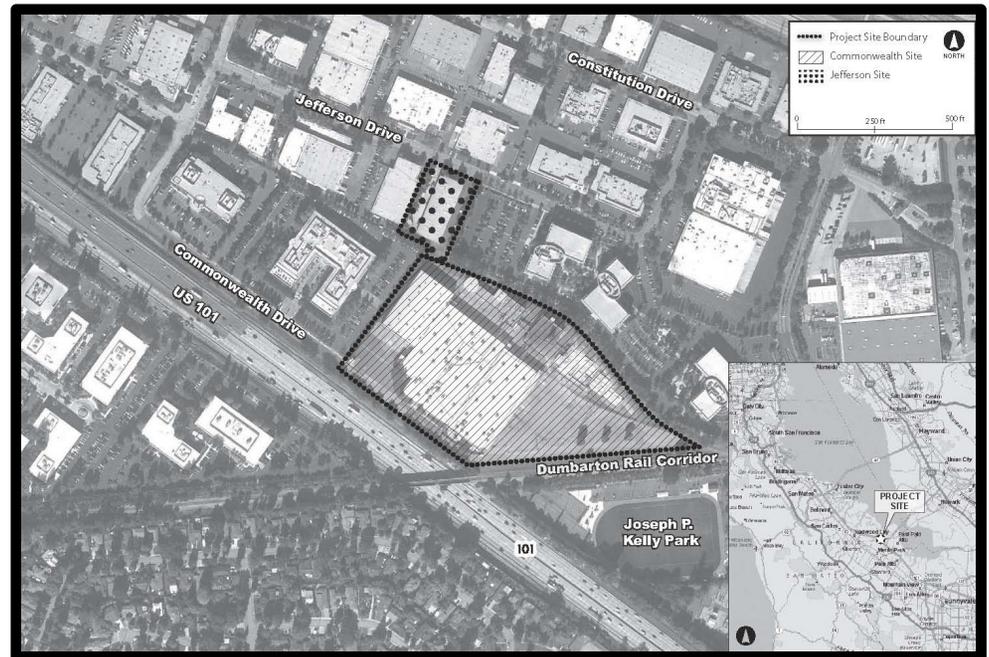
- Required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for projects that may have significant environmental impacts
- Identifies environmental impacts of a project
- Informs the public and public agency decision-makers prior to project approval/disapproval
- Recommends ways to reduce significant effects
- Considers project alternatives that may lessen potential impacts

Purpose of Scoping

- Gather public input on the scope of the environmental document
- Identify key environmental issues
- Identify potential mitigation measures
- Identify potential alternatives for consideration

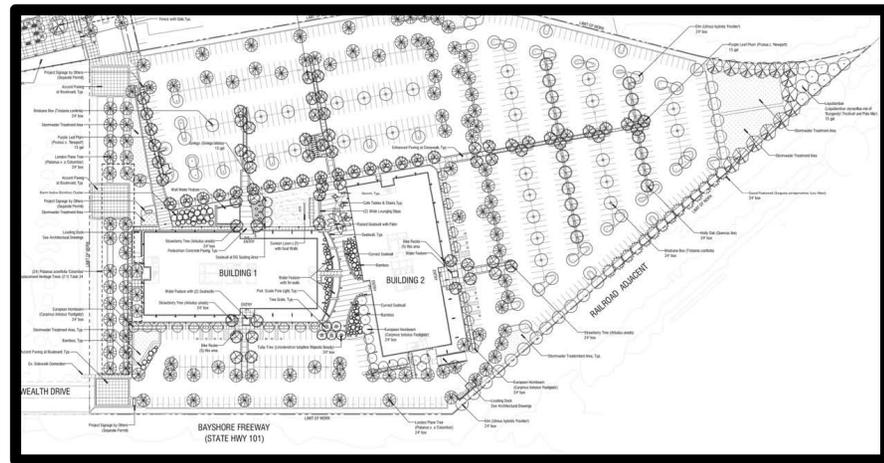
Project Overview

- Project Site = Commonwealth Site + Jefferson Site
- Demolish existing buildings
- Construct up to 259,919 sf of office/life science/ Research & Development (R&D) space
- 867 parking stalls
- Project Approvals



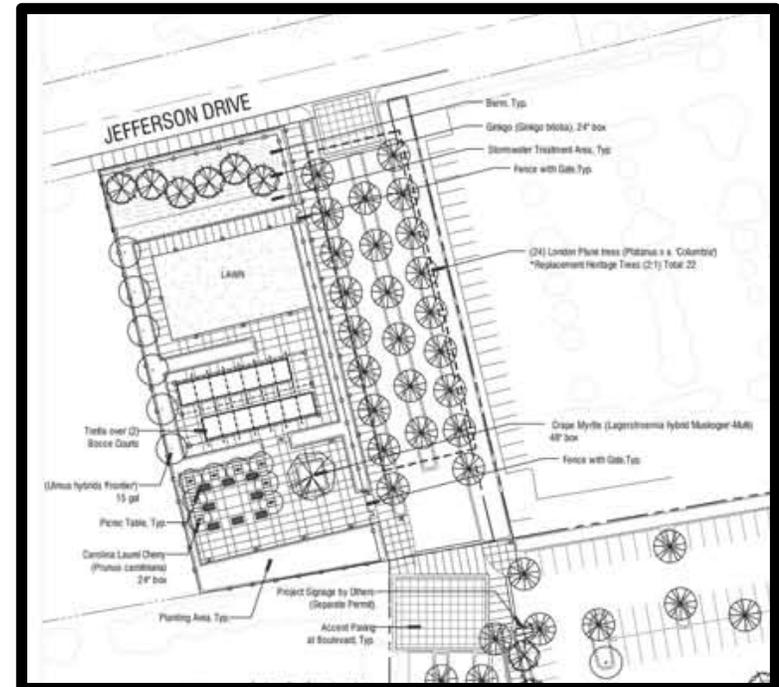
Commonwealth Site

- Demolish 217,396 sf of existing buildings
- Construct two office buildings:
 - Four stories each
 - 129,960 sf each
 - Flexible design
- Landscaping, amenity space, parking, pedestrian circulation
- Removal of 12 Heritage Trees



Jefferson Site

- Demolish the 20,462-sf existing building
- Secondary access from Jefferson
- Landscaping and amenities
- Removal of 11 Heritage Trees



EIR Process

- Notice of Preparation – August 6, 2012
- Scoping Meeting – August 20, 2012
- Draft EIR – Early 2013
- Public Hearing – Early 2013
- Final EIR – Mid 2013
- Certification Hearing – Mid 2013
- Notice of Determination – Mid 2013

Environmental Issues to be Studied

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Utilities
- Recreation
- Transportation

Submitting Comments

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- Via letter: Rachel Grossman, Associate Planner
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- Via fax: 650.327.1653
- Speaking at scoping session

Public Comment Period:
August 6 to September 5

All Comments Must Be Received By 5:30 p.m. on September 5

Next Steps

- Begin collecting existing conditions data
- Review proposed project for potential effects
- Consider scoping comments and responses to NOP in conducting the analysis