Addendum No. 9 to Final Environmental Impact Report No. 00-03 RiverPark Specific Plan EIR (SCH 2000051046)

Capitol Improvements Project
Public Works Department
Ventura Road Utilities Improvement Program

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SUMMARY

This document is Addendum No. 9 to the RiverPark Specific Plan Final EIR, certified July 16, 2002. The addendum concludes that there are no additional possible significant adverse environmental effects associated with the approval of the Ventura Road Utilities Project for the City of Oxnard Public Works Department. The City of Oxnard Public Works Department, Capitol Improvement Programs Division, has requested approval of the Ventura Road Utilities Project to allow the construction of new utility pipelines, sewer lift station, and related road resurfacing to accommodate future developments within the River Park and surrounding area developments.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ventura Road Utilities Project will include a 16-inch recycled water pipeline, three new gravity sewer pipelines, a new sewer lift station and associated sewer force main, and a new 20-inch potable water pipeline.

The Ventura Road Utilities Project entails the design of the following utilities:

- 3,630 feet of 10-inch PVC gravity sewer pipeline
- 1,800 feet of 18-inch PVC gravity sewer pipeline
- 200 feet of 21-inch PVC gravity sewer pipeline
- 5,360 feet of 16-inch PVC sewer force main
- 8,980 feet of 20-inch PVC water pipeline
- 8,760 feet of 16-inch PVC recycled water pipeline

The Ventura Road Utilities Project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase of the Project will entail complete resurfacing and utility plans of the 0.7-mile long northbound corridor of Ventura Road between Vineyard Avenue and Gonzales Road. The second phase of the project will include resurfacing and utility plans for the 1.0-mile long northbound corridor of Ventura Road from Vineyard Avenue to Wagon Wheel Road, and the resurfacing and utility plans for the 1.7-mile long southbound corridor of Ventura Road from Gonzales Road to Wagon Wheel Road. Northbound corridor resurfacing will predominantly entail a grind and resurfacing with rubberized asphalt. Due to the extensive amount of utilities being installed within the southbound corridor, the southbound corridor construction will entail a complete reconstruction of the pavement section. Grades and elevations will remain unchanged and all drainage patterns will be returned to their pre-construction conditions. See Exhibit A for the site plan.

During design of the project, field activities will include surveying, utilities potholing, geotechnical investigation, proof testing, cleaning and CCTV of the existing sewer pipe. In addition to construction of the various utility pipelines described above, major field activities during construction of the project will also include surveying, traffic control, dewatering, decommissioning of existing manholes, relocating existing utilities as necessary, pavement resurfacing and restoring existing pavement and any aboveground features impacted by the construction activities.

ANALYSIS

The proposed improvements to the City's Water System Master Plan and the Riverpark Specific Plan Sewer Master Plan were described in the Riverpark SP EIR in Sections 4.11.2 (Water Supply and Distribution) and 4.11.3 (Wastewater Service). The improvements to the two Master Plans is critical project for completion of the Riverpark projects. There were no mitigation measures identified for the utility improvements as no significant impacts were found.

Section 15164 of the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines states that an addendum to a previously adopted EIR is the appropriate environmental document when no conditions exist that would trigger a subsequent EIR. Three tests determine if a subsequent EIR is required (Section 15162(a)). They are:

1. Substantial changes to the project lead to a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects;

The only potential environmental effect related to this project would be short-term related traffic impacts, noise, and air quality impacts. The short-term related impacts would be associated with the construction of the pipelines within the public road. Ventura Road is a designated four-lane city street. The roadway extends a north-south direction from the River Park Specific Plan area east of Highway 101 to Port Hueneme Road. Construction of the pipelines will cause minor delays and short-term changes in traffic patterns during the construction period. Short-term noise related impacts would be from construction equipment used for the pipelines and short-term air quality impacts could occur from the construction equipment, fugitive dust particles from the excavating, and road resurfacing. Short-term related impacts related to construction of the pipelines would be considered a less than significant impact and would not increase the severity of the previously identified short-term related environmental impacts (Riverpark EIR Sections 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9). In the EIR, the short-term related impacts were considered to be less than significant and no mitigation measures were required.

2. Substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken;

Circumstances surrounding the project have not substantially changed with regard to issues, facts, and mitigation measures included in the River Park Specific Plan FEIR. The project build-out has not changed from that evaluated by the EIR, nor have the environs adjacent to the project site. The project area is currently under construction as foreseen in the specific plan, and the proposed project does not change the overall intensity or land use of the area.

- 3. New information of substantial importance that was not known or could not have been known at the time of the EIR certification shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have effects not previously discussed,
 - b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than previously estimated,

- c. Mitigation measures previously found infeasible would now be feasible and would substantially reduce effects of the project, and/or
- d. Different mitigation measures or alternatives from those analyzed in the EIR would substantially reduce effects.

In 2009, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a new FEMA map for the project area. However, they soon retracted the map for further review and study and have not re-issued the map as of this date. There is no additional information regarding the project area that is of substantial importance that was not known at the time of the RiverPark Specific Plan EIR certification. The project will not have any new effects that were not previously discussed and there would be no new mitigation required or removed. Infrastructure improvements were anticipated as part of the build-out for the River Park Specific Plan and were made part of the Final EIR.

The Final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval may be examined at the City of Oxnard, Planning Division, 214 South C Street, Oxnard, California 93030. Please call (805) 385-7858 to arrange a file review time.

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Exhibit A - Site Plan



