



# STAFF REPORT

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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March 12, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Commissioners

**FROM:** David Loya, Director of Community Development

**PREPARER:** David Loya, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** February 28, 2024

**TITLE:** **General Plan and Gateway Code Environmental Impact Report Public Comment Hearing**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission receive public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan and Form-based Code.

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The City released the Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan update on January 26, 2024. The public comment period extends through March 18, 2024. While not required, the City wished to provide the public and any interested agencies to provide comment at a public hearing. This March 12, 2024, Planning Commission regular meeting was identified as an opportunity for public comment in the Notice of Availability filed with the State Office of Planning and Research CEQA Clearinghouse and published in the Mad River Union on January 24, 2024.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The purpose of public review of the DEIR includes: sharing expertise, disclosing agency analysis, checking for accuracy, detecting omissions, discovering public concerns, and soliciting counter proposals (CEQA Guidelines Sec 15200). While not required, the City has provided this hearing as an opportunity for people to provide their comments about the EIR directly to the Planning Commission.

While oral comments will not be transcribed, Staff will summarize comments. Summaries and responses will be included in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit comments in writing.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

A. GP EIR Comments(PDF)