



TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008

City to hold public scoping meeting for environmental impact statement on midtown rising project

The City will conduct a public scoping meeting on the Midtown Rising Project, 6:30 p.m., Tues., July 29 in City Council Chambers at City Hall, 30 Church St. The purpose of the meeting is to seek comments from the public about what should be included in the contents, or “scope,” of an environmental impact statement (EIS) currently being developed for the project under the N.Y. State Environmental Quality Review Act.

The EIS is public document that identifies and analyzes the potential environmental impacts resulting from proposed projects and proposed mitigation measures. Discussion of reasonable alternatives for the project is also included in the EIS.

The EIS scoping meeting will feature a brief presentation on the status of the project’s planning and on the draft scope of environmental impacts and alternatives. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for public comment on the draft scope. The document is available for review in the “Documents” section at www.midtownrochesterrising.com.

In accordance with Section 14.09 of the N.Y. State Historic Preservation Law, the meeting will also provide an opportunity for comment on the EIS scope regarding reviewing the project’s potential effects to resources on, or eligibility for inclusion on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

In lieu of attending the meeting, written comments may be submitted to Dorraine Laudisi, Sr. City Planner, City Hall, Room 125B, 30 Church St., Rochester, NY 14614 or laudisid@cityofrochester.gov. Comments on the draft scope will be received until August 1. The City will issue the final scoping document on August 7.

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