

Points of Public Input into Midtown Project

State Environmental Quality Review Process

Scoping – A scoping meeting will be conducted to identify and narrow the project’s potential impacts and define mitigation measures and alternatives. The scope will provide direction for the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. A broad array of stakeholder representatives will be invited to the meeting. In addition, the draft scope will be on the City Website and written comments will be accepted through a specified date. The final scope will be widely distributed and available on the website for information and reference.

DEIS Public Comment Period and Hearing – Upon completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a public comment period of at least 30 days will ensue, during which a public hearing will be conducted. Responses to all substantive verbal and written comments will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

FEIS Waiting Period – Upon notifying the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is complete, agencies must wait 10 days before making any decisions on the subject project. This waiting period provides the public with an opportunity to review the FEIS so that they can provide further comment to decision makers, if necessary.

Urban Renewal Plan (URP) Adoption

City Planning Commission – The proposed amendment to the URP, which is required for the approval of the land disposition, must be reviewed by the City Planning Commission for the purpose of providing a recommendation to City Council. City Planning Commission will convene a public hearing which will provide an opportunity for public comment. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to City Council.

City Council – City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the URP prior to making any decisions on whether or not to adopt the proposed amendment.

Site Plan Approval

The Director of Zoning is the City authority for issuing decisions regarding site plan review for proposed development projects. The site plan review process requires notification to the Official Neighborhood Contacts citywide. These neighborhood contacts should make the information available to their constituents, thereby allowing people to review and provided comments on specific site development plans.