

PRESENTATION FOR

CLIMATE COMPASS

NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A
SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Scoping Meeting

January 9, 2025

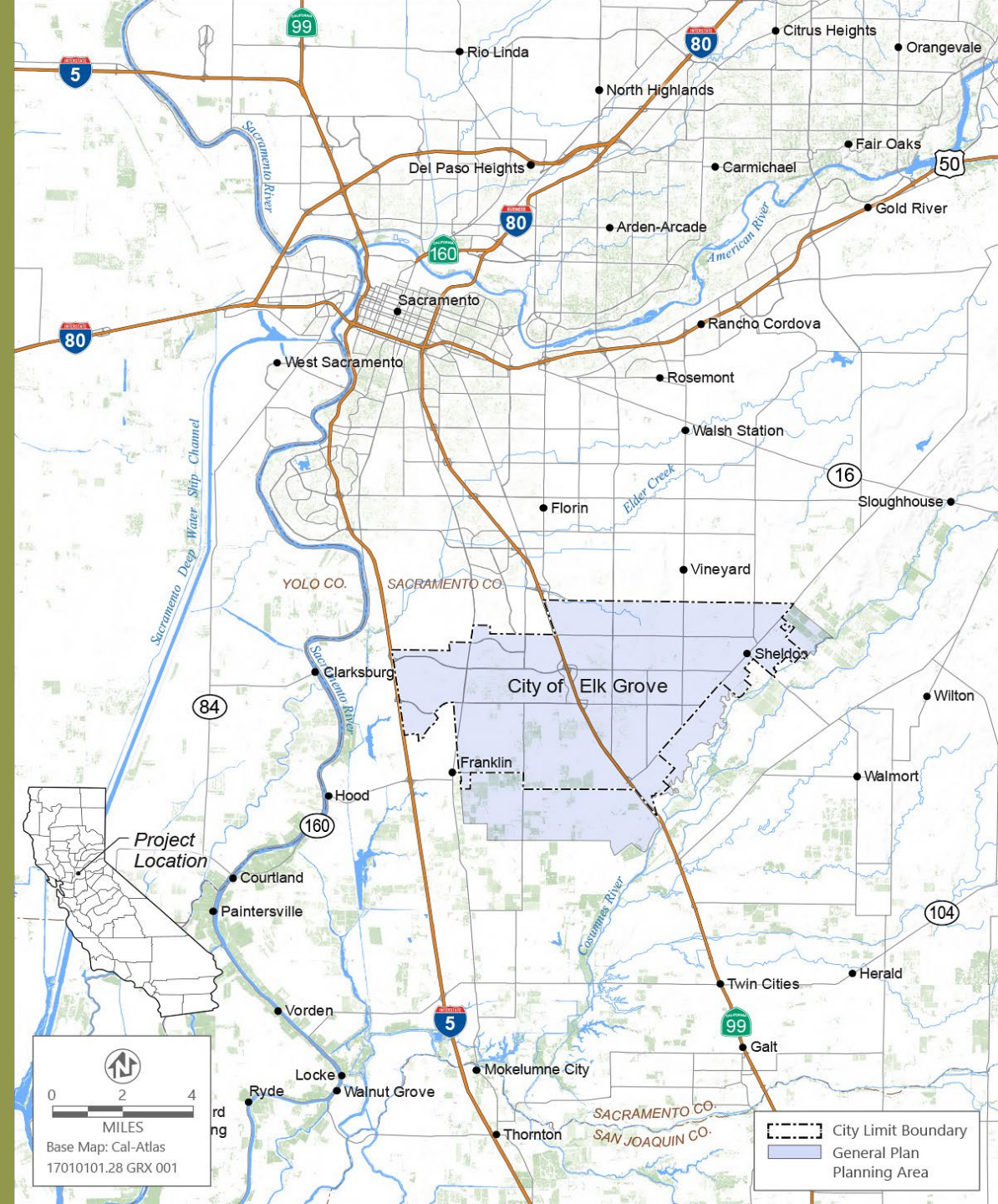
Agenda

- **Provide an overview of the Climate Compass Project and the environmental review process**
- **Discuss issues to be evaluated within the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)**
- **Identify ways to submit comments on the scope of the SEIR**



Project Description

Project Location



Project Elements

- City is preparing update to its 2019 Climate Action Plan (CAP) referred to as the Climate Compass
- Climate Compass establishes a roadmap for the City to achieve its GHG emission reduction targets and includes actions and strategies to adapt to anticipated climate-related impacts.
- The Climate Compass aligns local efforts with Assembly Bill (AB) 1279, which requires California to achieve net-zero GHG emissions by 2045 and an 85 percent reduction in anthropogenic GHG emissions by 2045.
- The plan intends to enhance the quality of life for all residents, promote equity, and strengthen community resilience in the face of a changing climate.

Project Elements

Climate Compass will consist of the following six chapters:

- **Chapter 1, Introduction:** provides overview of the development of the Climate Compass to date
- **Chapter 2, GHG Inventory and Targets:** presents the City's GHG emissions inventory, emissions forecasts, and the targets for reducing emissions in line with State and local goals.
- **Chapter 3, Climate Action Strategies:** includes strategies and actions to reduce GHG emissions across various sectors while promoting community resilience and adaptation to climate change impacts
- **Chapter 4, City Operations:** includes City strategies and actions to reduce GHG emissions from government operations
- **Chapter 5, Implementation and Monitoring:** includes timelines, funding strategies, partnerships, and the monitoring and reporting processes to ensure the plan's success
- **Chapter 6, Work Cited:** this chapter provides the sources used in the development of the plan.

Project Elements

Climate Compass Strategies and Action center around six focus areas:

1. Building Energy

4. Resource Consumption

2. Transportation

5. Green Economy

3. Resilience and Adaptation

6. Climate Action Commitment

An aerial photograph of a park featuring a winding concrete path, lush green trees, and a body of water in the background. A person is visible running on the path in the foreground. A semi-transparent green box with white text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Environmental Review

California

Environmental

Quality

Act

What is CEQA?

- Public disclosure process
- Public participation is essential
- Avoid or mitigate for environmental impacts
- Certification of EIR does not indicate approval of project

What is an EIR?

- An informational document
- Discloses potential effects of proposed project on environment
- Identifies mitigation measures
- Describes feasible alternatives to proposed project
- Must be certified in order for a project to be approved

What an EIR Does and Does Not Do

An EIR Does...

- Disclose potential effects of project on environment
- Identify mitigation measures
- Describe feasible alternatives to proposed project

An EIR Doesn't...

- Require mitigation for existing environmental conditions
- Advocate for project under evaluation
- Require project denial due to significant environmental impacts
- Address economic and social issues (e.g., property values)

Subsequent Environmental Review

- Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162, an SEIR should be prepared if an EIR has been certified for a project, but one or more conditions are met.
- In 2019, the City certified the City of Elk Grove General Plan Update EIR
- In 2023, City adopted the General Plan Amendments and Vehicle Miles Traveled Guidelines Subsequent EIR to the General Plan Update EIR
- The Climate Compass SEIR will be updating the General Plan Update EIR, as amended by the 2023 SEIR

SEIR Structure

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Project Description
- Effects Found Not to be Significant
- Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures
- Cumulative Impacts
- Alternatives
- Other Sections Required by Statute
- Report Preparers
- Appendices

Topics to be Evaluated in the SEIR

- Energy
- Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change

Topics Scoped Out of the SEIR Analysis

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Archaeological, Historical, and Tribal Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils, Mineral Resources, and Paleontology
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Recreation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Transportation
- Wildfire

Agency and Public Input



Climate Compass SEIR Schedule

- **Notice of Preparation**

- 41-Day Public Review: December 6, 2024 – January 15, 2025
- Scoping Meeting Presentation: January 9, 2025

- **Draft SEIR**

- Addresses Notice of Preparation comments
- 45-Day Public Review – Spring 2025

- **Final SEIR**

- Responds to comments received on Draft SEIR – Summer 2025

- **Consideration and Decision on the Climate Compass Project and SEIR**

- Late Summer 2025

Scoping Comments

- Verbal input provided today will be reflected and addressed in the SEIR, as appropriate
- Submit written comments via comment portal on this website or send to the following address:

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Or email to: **cwhitlock@elkgrovecity.org**

- **Notice of Preparation comment period ends on January 15, 2025**



Thank You!