

Visalia Walmart Expansion Project



Notice of Availability of Partial Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report

Project Summary

The project consists of the expansion of the existing Walmart store located at 1819 East Noble Avenue by 54,076 square feet, adding a grocery component and increasing the total floor area to 187,282 square feet. The project will also remodel the existing store and site. The expanded store's operating hours will be 24 hours per day, seven days per week; the tire and lube center will continue to operate from 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M., seven days per week.

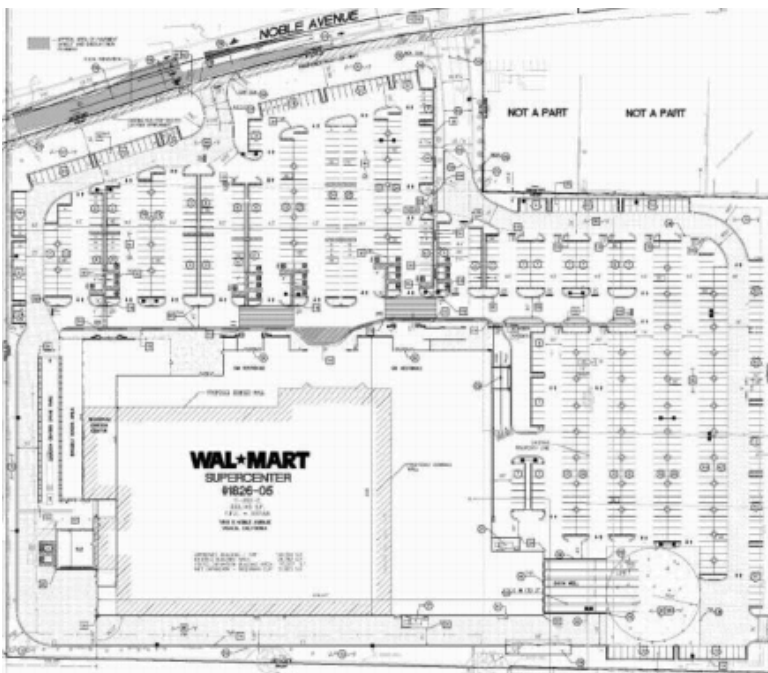
Environmental Review

In June 2011, the City approved the Walmart Expansion project and certified its Environmental Impact Report (EIR). A subsequently-filed lawsuit claimed that the EIR violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it inadequately evaluated the topics of Cumulative Toxic Air Contaminant (TAC) emissions and Noise, and failed to adequately respond to public comments. The Court upheld the adequacy of the 2011 EIR with the exception of its evaluation of Cumulative TAC emissions, which the Court ordered the City to reconsider. No other sections of the 2011 EIR were found to violate CEQA. In response to the Court order, the City of Visalia has prepared a Partial Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report ("PRDEIR") that addresses the project's potential to result in Cumulative TAC impacts. The PRDEIR consists of a new portion of the 2011 EIR's Air Quality Section that addresses Cumulative Toxic Air Contaminant emission impacts. No other sections of the 2011 EIR have been revised since the circulation of the Final EIR. While the 2011 EIR is not open to further public comment, it will be posted on the City's website for informational purposes.

Partial Recirculated Draft EIR Availability

The Partial Recirculated Draft EIR is located on the City of Visalia web-site www.ci.visalia.ca.us and in printed form at the City of Visalia Offices located at 315 E. Acequia Avenue, during regular business hours and at the Visalia Main Branch Library at 200 W. Oak Avenue during regular business hours.

Site Plan



Project Location



Public Comment

The Partial Recirculated Draft EIR will circulate for public review between Tuesday September 18, 2012 and Thursday November 1, 2012. Pursuant to CEQA, the City of Visalia will respond to written comments on the section being recirculated. Written Comments should be submitted to: City of Visalia, 315 E. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, 93291

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