

Scoping Meeting
Environmental Impact Report

US Development Group
San Diego Clean Fuels Facility, LLC
Project

City of National City

May 23, 2024

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Getting Started

- **Spanish Translation is Available**
- **Please Sign In!**
- **Written Scoping Comment Cards Are Available:** If you would like to make a scoping comment, please pick up a comment card at the Sign In station. City email contact information is available on the comment card.
- **Oral Scoping Comments:** If you would like to make a scoping comment, please wait until the end of the presentation. When we ask for scoping comments, please **RAISE YOUR HAND** and we will call on you to speak.



Ground Rules and Guidelines

- **Please Hold All Comments and Questions Until the End of the Presentation**
- **One Person Speaks at a Time**
- **Be Concise**
- **Stay on Topic**
- **Support Everyone's Participation**
- **Respect Everyone's Opinions**
- **Written Comments are Encouraged**



Presentation Overview

- **Purpose of Meeting**
- **Key Players and their Roles in the CEQA Process**
- **City Environmental Review Process**
- **Overview of the Proposed Project**
- **EIR Process**
- **How to Comment**



Purpose of Meeting

- To inform the public and responsible agencies about an upcoming project for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared
- To inform the public about the environmental review process and the City's decision making process
- To solicit input regarding potential alternatives to the Proposed Project and the appropriate scope of issues to be studied in the EIR
- To identify issues of concern and areas of potential controversy



Key Players and their Roles in the CEQA Process

- **City of National City**
 - Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act
- **US Development Group (USDG)**
 - Project Applicant
- **ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP)**
 - Environmental Consultants



Environmental Review Process Overview

Environmental Review: the CEQA process

- The City initiated environmental review of the Project in November 2021
- The Project was redesigned in November 2023 to reduce the operational capacity, same Project “footprint”
- Updated technical studies were completed in February 2024 and the Initial Study was prepared evaluating the new reduced intensity Project
- The Project’s Initial Study determined that Project impacts would be further evaluated in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Notice of Preparation was published on May 10, 2024
- The Project’s Scoping comment period is 30 days and ends on June 10, 2024
- Project website: <https://www.nationalcityca.gov/government/community-development/planning/current-projects>

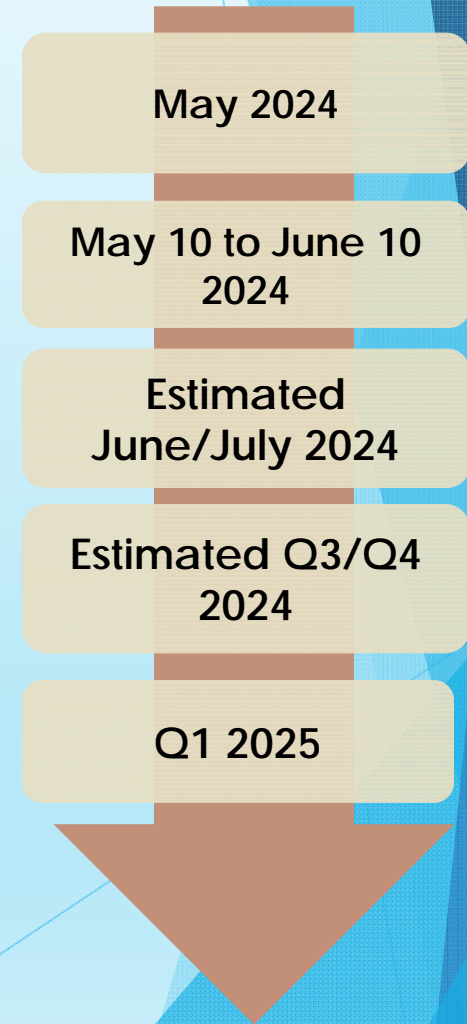


CEQA Process Flowchart

CEQA REVIEW



TIMELINE

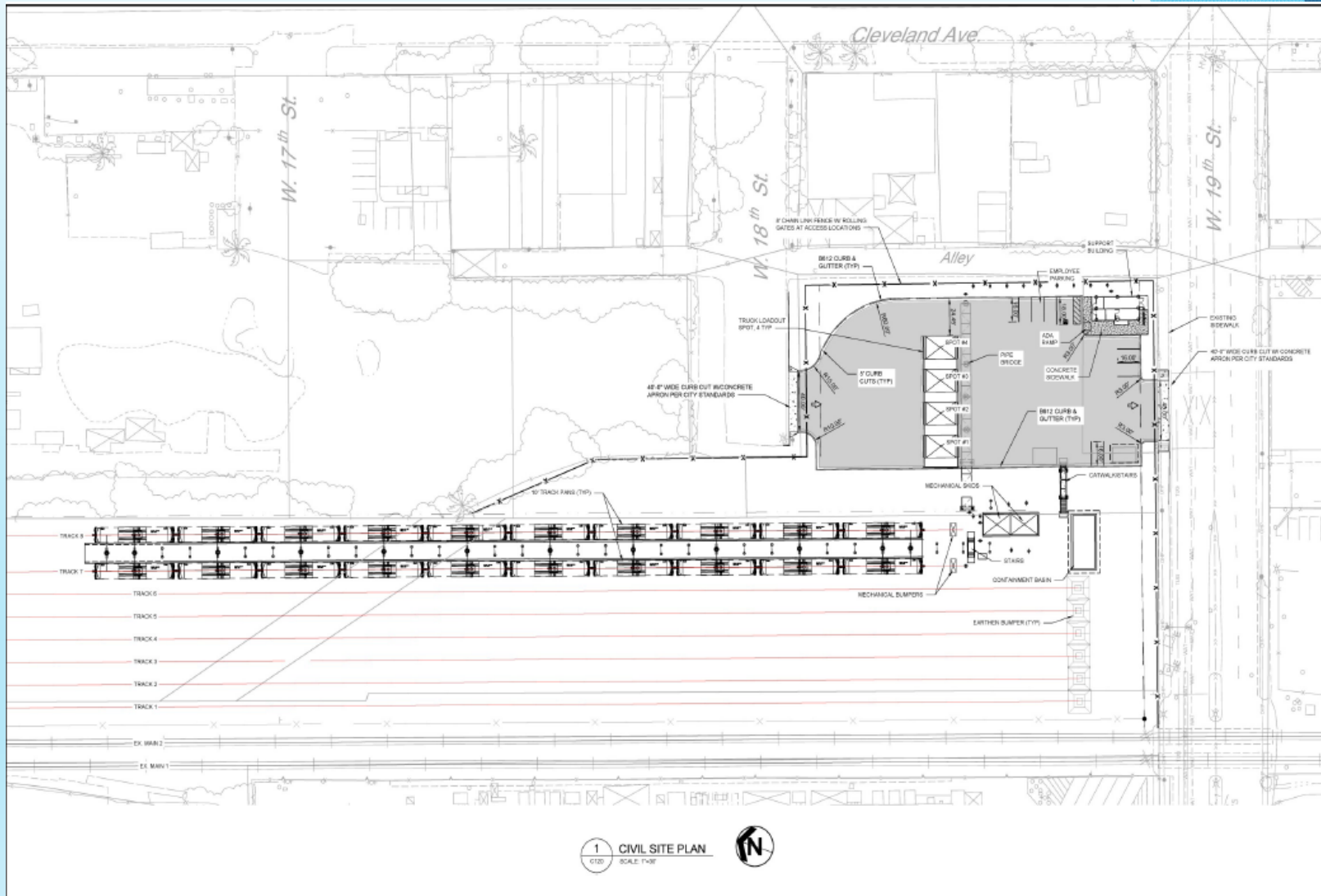


Project Description

- The Project is approximately 6.5 acres and is located along 19th Street between the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks and buildings along Cleveland Avenue
- Replacing one existing rail turnout, and installing new receiving and departure track
- Adds new truck loading spots to transload clean renewable and bio-fuels (non-petroleum based) directly from rail cars to trucks
- Rail car unloading/truck loading areas include containment systems capable of containing 110% of an entire rail car volume.
- A second rail line added to existing grade crossing at Civic Center Drive



Project Description (continued)



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- The Project will staff 21 full-time operators, with one supervisor per shift, and one facility manager.
- A total of 138 daily truck trips (69 trucks per day) and 42 daily auto trips (21 cars per day) are expected to travel to and from the site.
- Construction is expected to take approximately 6 to 8 months



General Contents and Purpose of EIR

Contents:

- Describe the environmental setting of the Project Area
- Disclose the potential environmental impacts of the Project and alternatives
- Propose measures to reduce or avoid significant environmental impacts (mitigation measures)

Purpose:

- Provide technically sound information for decision-makers to consider in evaluating the Proposed Project

Major Elements of EIR

- Detailed Project Description
- Description of Alternatives Screening Process and Alternatives Carried Forward
- Impacts of Proposed Project
- Impacts of Alternatives
- Mitigation Measures
- Cumulative Impacts, Indirect Impacts, Growth Inducing Effects
- Mitigation Monitoring

Environmental Disciplines Included in an EIR

- ←Aesthetics
- ←Agriculture and Forestry
- ←Air Quality
- ←Biological Resources
- ←Cultural Resources
- ←Energy
- ←Geology, Soils, Paleontology
- ←Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ←Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- ←Hydrology and Water Quality
- ←Land Use and Planning
- ←Mineral Resources
- ←Noise
- ←Population and Housing
- ←Recreation
- ←Transportation
- ←Tribal Cultural Resources
- ←Utilities and Service Systems
- ←Wildfire



Alternatives

- Alternatives for the EIR will be determined by CEQA requirements:
 1. Consistency with most Project objectives
 2. Ability to reduce or avoid impacts of Proposed Project
 3. Feasibility
- The No Project Alternative will also be considered
- Scoping comments suggesting alternatives are welcome

Effective Scoping Comments

- Some of the most helpful scoping comments identify:
 - Location and extent of probable environmental impacts of the proposed project
 - Specific topics that should be discussed in the EIR
 - Mitigation measures that could reduce impacts
 - Alternatives that could reduce impacts of the proposed project

How to Comment

- Verbal comment tonight
- Submit comments by comment card, mail, or e-mail

Mail	Email
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- Comments due by **June 10, 2024**

Website for more info: :

<https://www.nationalcityca.gov/government/community-development/planning/current-projects>



Thank you for attending!

