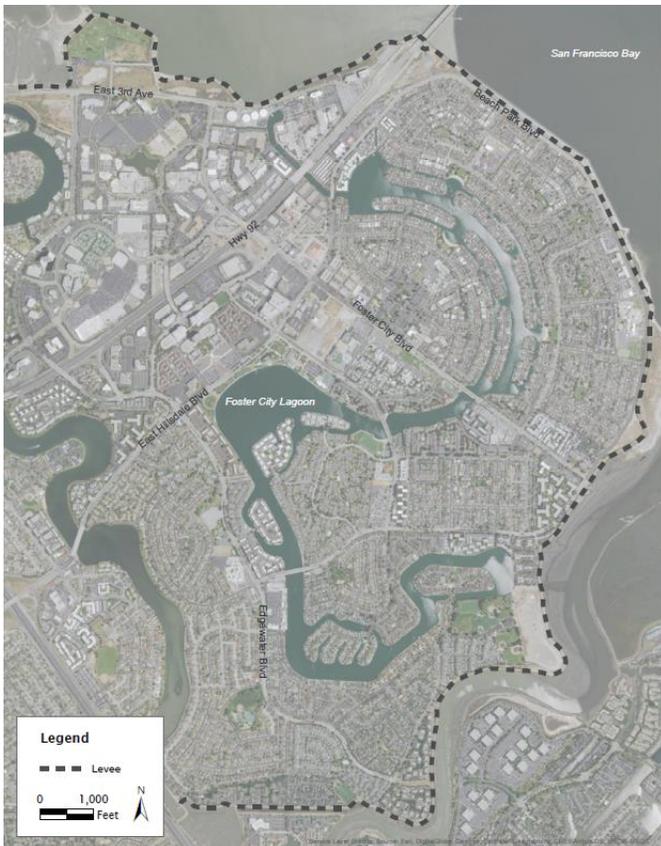


Foster City Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project – CIP 301-657

The City of Foster City invites you to attend a **Public Scoping Session** on **Thursday, February 4, 2016** at **7:00 pm** in the **City Council Chambers, 620 Foster City Boulevard, Foster City, California** on the scope of the **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)** for the **Foster City Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project (CIP 301-657)**.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to accept comments from the public on the scope of the Environmental Impact Report that will be prepared for the levee improvement project. Comments on the scope should focus on the following probable environmental effects of the project – Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration, Public Services, Traffic and Transportation and Public Services, Utilities and Recreation. In addition, the EIR will include an analysis of the project’s consistency with relevant City and regional planning policies, as well as potential alternatives to the proposed project.



Project Location

The Levee Protection Planning and Improvements Project (CIP 301-657) is entirely within the City of Foster City (City) levee corridor from the San Mateo City Limit to the San Mateo/Belmont City Limit. The project site includes approximately 43,000 feet (8 miles) of levees that surround Foster City along the Bayfront as shown in the Project Location Map.

Project Description

The purpose of the project is to update the City’s existing levee system to provide flood protection in accordance with updated FEMA guidelines and regain FEMA accreditation for its existing levee system. Current FEMA guidelines require the current levee height along the City’s levee system to be raised to protect the City from flooding associated with levee overtopping from extreme high tides or storm surges. In addition, the improved levee system will be designed to adapt to future sea level rise while maintaining public access along the levee system and protections for sensitive habitat and species.

The San Francisco Bay side of the City levee system is fully tidal open water, slough channels, wetlands, and mud flats. Land uses on the landward side of the levee system consist of streets, residential and commercial areas, landscaped open space and recreational areas, unimproved lots, muted tidal wetlands and seasonal wetlands. Approximately 9,000 properties in Foster City are protected from the one-percent annual chance of flooding by the levee system that was primarily designed for flood protection. An additional 8,000 properties in the City of San Mateo are also protected by the Foster City levee system. Conversely, properties in Foster City are protected from the one-percent flood by San Mateo’s levee and floodwall systems south of San Mateo Creek.

Comments on the scope of this EIR are due by February 4, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the project planner, Marlene Subhashini at msubhashini@fostercity.org or (650) 286-3244.