

NOTICE INVITING PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT EIR-1-06  
FOR THE WAL-MART EXPANSION PROJECT (UP-8-04)

Notice is hereby given that the public is invited to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed expansion of the Wal-Mart store at 1515 Dana Drive. Under this proposal, the existing 127,904-square-foot Wal-Mart store would be expanded by 92,677 square feet, with up to approximately 56,000 square feet being used for grocery-type sales. The map below depicts the location of the project.

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The City will consider approval of a conditional use permit (UP-8-04) to allow this expansion. The 19.6-acre site is currently partially developed under Use Permit UP-44-95 (approved in 1996), which allowed for approximately 227,000 square feet of retail/commercial development. A new use permit is required for the Wal-Mart Expansion because it would include 33,680 square feet of retail use beyond that approved under UP-44-95, with a different configuration of buildings and parking.

The City has considered this project before. In November 2003, the Redding City Council approved Use Permit UP-1-03 for this project on the basis of a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Mitigated Negative Declaration was subsequently voided and the decision set aside by the Shasta County Superior Court in 2004. The court decided that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. As a result, the court ordered the City to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) before considering the proposed project again. The City DEIR focuses on the environmental issues that the court found to be potentially significant. These include traffic and access, air quality, noise, and urban blight.

All interested persons and public agencies are invited to comment in writing on the DEIR to the Planning Division prior to the end of the public review period. The 45-day comment period for the DEIR begins August 1, 2006, and ends September 15, 2006. The DEIR is available for public review from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Planning Division, Development Services Department, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, CA 96001 (telephone 530-225-4020). Comments on this project should be directed to Douglas DeMallie, Planning Manager, City of Redding Development Services Department, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California 96001 (telephone 530.225.4020).

Notice is also given that the Redding Planning Commission will conduct a public meeting to accept comments on the Draft EIR on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 4 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California.

Copies of the Wal-mart Expansion Project DEIR are available for review or purchase at the City of Redding Development Services Department, 777 Cypress Avenue, Redding, California.

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