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A. Purpose of the Environmental Impact Report

This document is a Final EIR Addendum to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan.

The Draft EIR identified the likely environmental consequences associated with the project and identified policies contained in the Specific Plan that help to reduce potentially significant impacts.

This Final EIR Addendum responds to comments on the Draft EIR and makes revisions to the Draft EIR as necessary in response to these comments. No change to the Draft EIR identified in this Final EIR Addendum resulted in the need to re-circulate the document.

This document, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR when the City of Santa Rosa City Council certifies it as complete and adequate under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

B. Environmental Review Process

According to CEQA, lead agencies are required to consult with public agencies having jurisdiction over a proposed project, and to provide the general public and project applicant with an opportunity to comment on a Draft EIR that is prepared for a project. This Final EIR Addendum has been prepared to respond to those comments received on the Draft EIR and to clarify any errors, omissions or misinterpretations of discussions of findings in the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was made available for public review on February 5, 2007. The Draft EIR was distributed to local and State responsible and trustee agencies, while the general public was advised of the availability of the Draft EIR through public notice published in the local newspaper and posted by the City Clerk as required by law. The CEQA-mandated 45-day public comment period ended on March 21, 2007. The City of Santa Rosa extended the man-

dated comment period to April 6, 2007, to allow for additional comment submittals.

Copies of all written comments received on the Draft EIR are contained in this document. Each substantive comment on the Draft EIR receives a written response.

A public hearing on the Draft EIR was held before the Planning Commission during the comment period, on March 29, 2007. This document includes the minutes from the hearing, including the comments made at the hearing and a written response to them.

This Final EIR Addendum will be presented to the Planning Commission, who will advise the City Council on certification of the EIR as a full disclosure of potential impacts, mitigation measures and alternatives.

The Planning Commission will not take final action on the EIR or the proposed project. Instead, the City Council will consider the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Final EIR and the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and associated General Plan amendments during a noticed public hearing. The City Council will make the final action in regards to certification of the Final EIR and adoption of the Downtown Station Area Specific Plan and associated General Plan amendments.

C. Document Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters:

- ◆ **Chapter 1: Introduction.** This chapter discusses the use and organization of this Final EIR Addendum.
- ◆ **Chapter 2: Report Summary.** This chapter is a summary of the findings of the Draft and the Final EIR. It has been reprinted from the Draft EIR. Underline text represents language that has been added to the EIR; text with ~~striketrough~~ has been deleted from the EIR.

- ◆ **Chapter 3: Revisions to the Draft EIR.** Corrections to the text and graphics of the Draft EIR are contained in this chapter. Underline text represents language that has been added to the EIR; text with ~~strike-through~~ has been deleted from the EIR.
- ◆ **Chapter 4: List of Commentors.** Names of agencies and individuals who commented on the Draft EIR are included in this chapter.
- ◆ **Chapter 5: Comments and Responses.** This chapter contains reproductions of the letters received from agencies and the public on the Draft EIR. The responses are keyed to the comments which precede them.

