



CITY OF  
*San Fernando*  
Historic & Visionary

**NEWS RELEASE**

For immediate release  
December 1, 2008

CONTACT:  
Paul Deibel, Community Development Director  
(818) 898-1232

**Updated Draft EIR on Downtown Projects Available for Public Review**  
*Deadline for Submitting Comments is January 30, 2009*

The updated draft environmental impact report (EIR) for the Downtown Parking Lots Projects is now available for public review.

The document assesses potential environmental impacts associated with the possible future development of six public parking lots to improve the downtown area. It also recommends mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

The draft EIR has been updated to include analysis of an additional project recently proposed by the Gangi Development Company for the public parking lot located at Celis St. and San Fernando Mission Blvd. That development would provide 100 affordable senior housing units, 10,000 sq. ft. of ground-floor storefront retail space and a joint public/private parking facility.

Analysis of possible development scenarios for the remaining five parking lots – for which no developer has been selected – is included in the draft EIR for planning purposes. These parking lots have a combined development potential for 272 new residential condominiums and roughly 62,000 sq. ft. of ground-floor retail and restaurant space. Also anticipated are over 900 parking spaces, including the replacement of all 475 existing public parking stalls.

Approval of the EIR would allow the city's redevelopment agency to consider development of the Gangi senior housing and parking facility project in the near term, subject to impact mitigation requirements. It would also allow the city to consider future development of the other parking lots in light of the EIR's overall assessment of cumulative environmental impacts.

Written comments on the updated draft EIR may be submitted to the city's Community Development Department through January 30, 2009. Public workshops to solicit verbal or written comments on the document are scheduled for December 16, 2008 and January 6, 2009, 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 117 Macneil St.

For more information, call (818) 898-1227.

CITY ADMINISTRATION  
117 MACNEIL STREET SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA 91340-2993  
PHONE 818.898.1201 • FAX 818.361.7631

- end -

**WHERE TO VIEW  
THE DOCUMENT**

**San Fernando City Hall**  
Community Development Dept.  
117 Macneil St.

**San Fernando Public Library**  
217 N. Maclay Ave.

**City of San Fernando Website**  
[www.sfcity.org](http://www.sfcity.org)

**NOTE:**  
Those who require special  
accommodations to review the document  
should call (818) 898-1201.

