

New San Luis Obispo Courthouse Project

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

San Luis Obispo, California

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Meeting Agenda

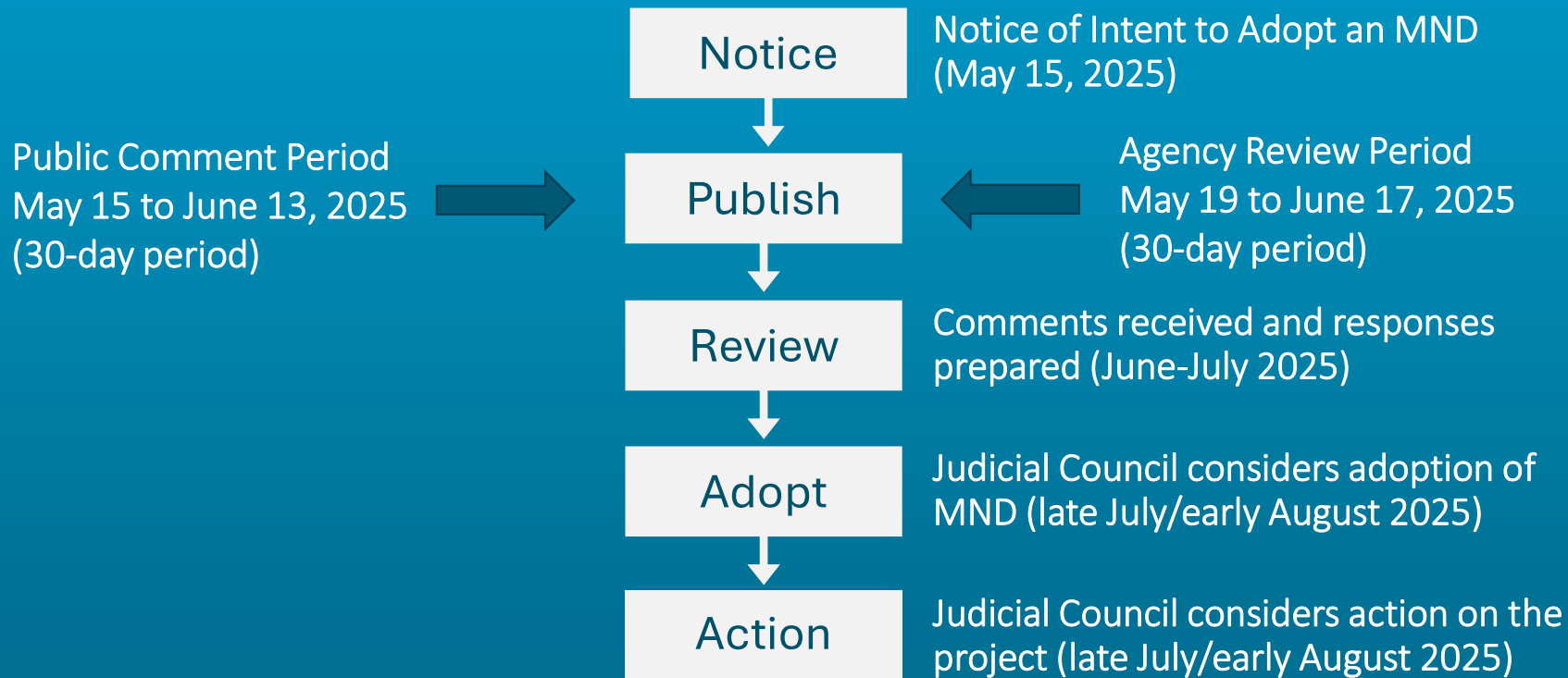
1. CEQA Purpose and Process
2. Overview of the Proposed Project
3. Overview of the IS/MND
4. How to Submit Comments and Questions

Basic Purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

(California Code of Regulations Section 15002)

- Disclose environmental impacts of the project to decision makers and the public
- Identify feasible mitigation measures to reduce significant effects
- Invite public input on the project and the environmental analysis

Environmental Review Process & Timeline

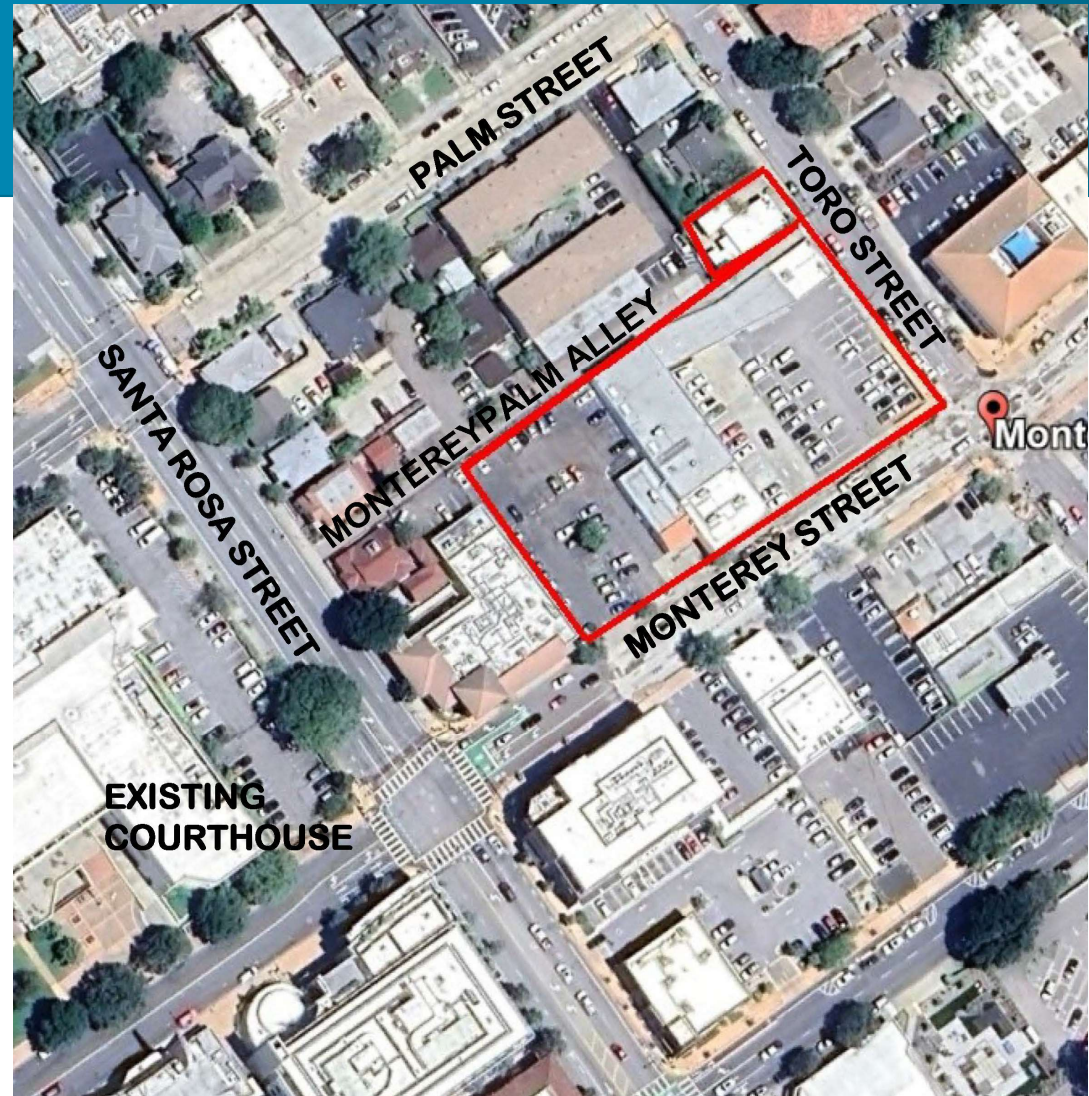


Project Objectives

1. Relocate the existing inadequate and obsolete 12-courtroom facility, improving the public's access to justice and enhancing public services
2. Relieve the current space shortfall and increase security at the Superior Court buildings
3. Consolidate court operations in San Luis Obispo from three buildings to one location
4. Decommission use of a seismically deficient building (designated by FEMA as Very-High-Risk) from service as a courthouse

Project Location

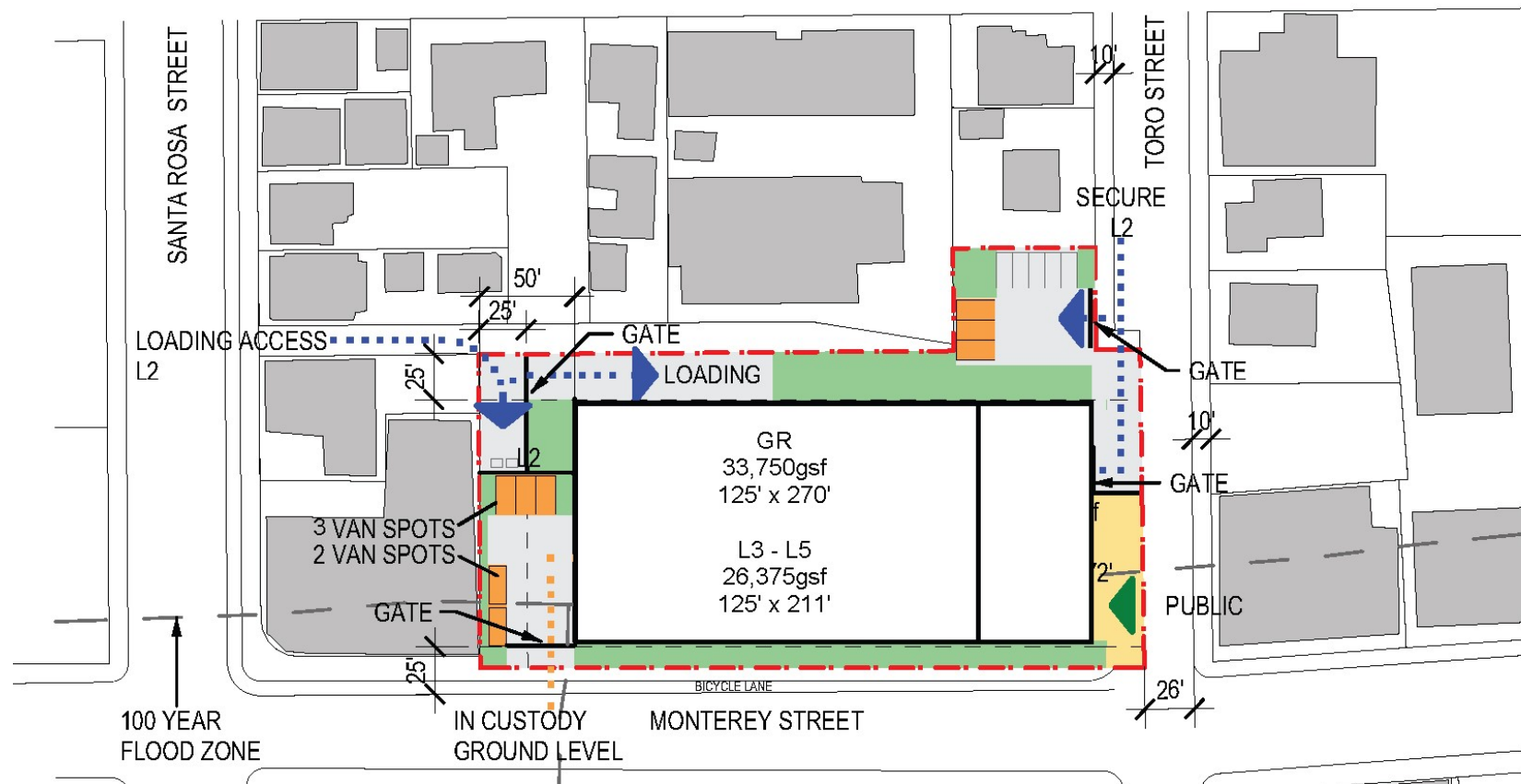
- San Luis Obispo County
- City of San Luis Obispo
- State to purchase up to two parcels (approx. 1.43 acres) for Project site
- Existing site use: SLO County Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works (1144 Monterey Street)
- Located 1 block from existing Courthouse building



Project Description

- Proposed acquisition of property(ies) at 1144 Monterey Street and 969 Toro Street
- Demolition of an existing 15,780-square-foot County building and residential structure
- Closure of westerly lane of Toro Street and a portion of Montereypalm Alley
- Construction of 5-story, approximately 145,000-square-foot courthouse:
 - 12 courtrooms
 - Judges' chambers, courtroom support
 - Court operations and Clerk's office
 - Family Court services
 - Self Help area
 - Administration and IT
 - Jury services
 - Sheriff area
 - Central in-custody holding area
 - Building support areas
- 17 secure parking spaces, with public parking garages and transit center nearby

Conceptual Courthouse Layout



Street Circulation



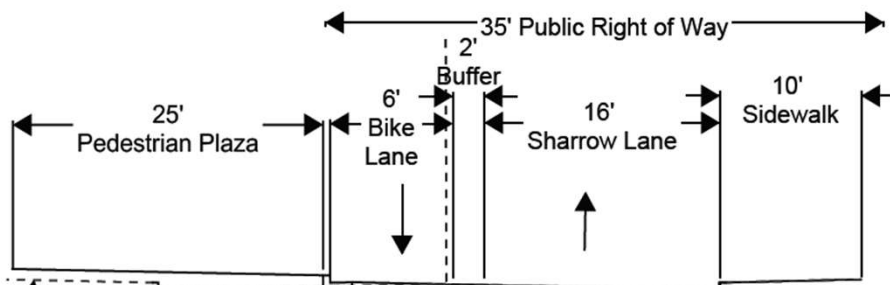
Left: Looking north on Toro Street from Monterey Street

Below: Looking west on Monterey Street from Toro Street

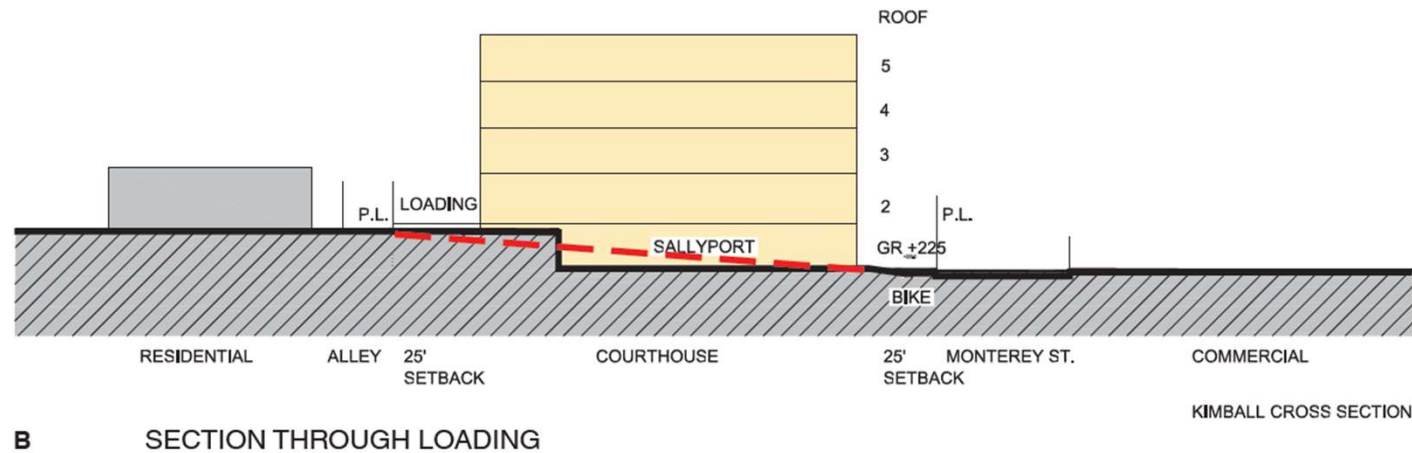
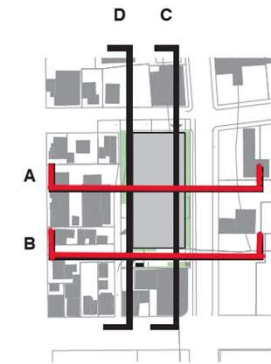
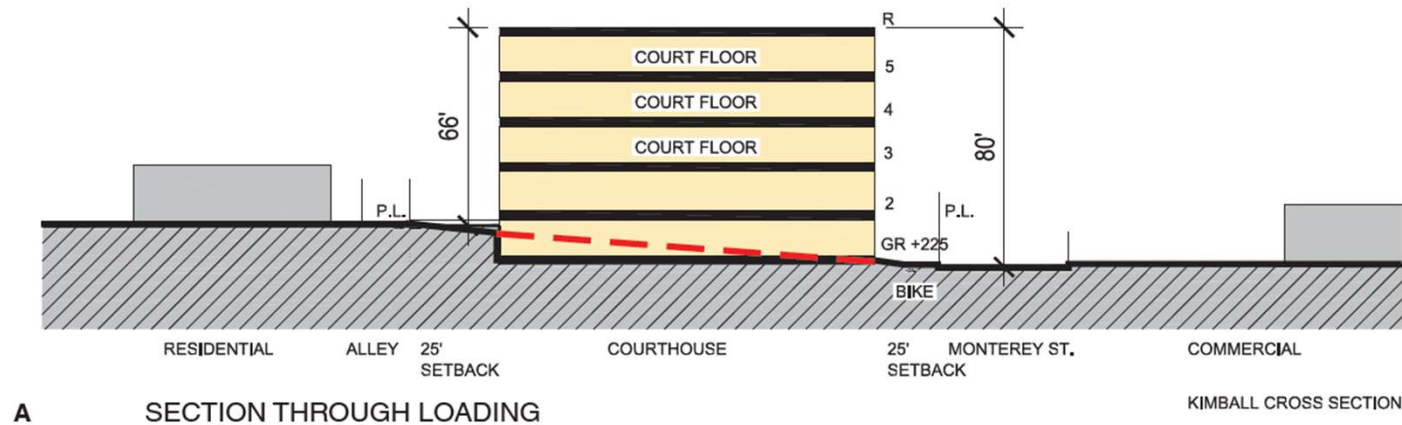


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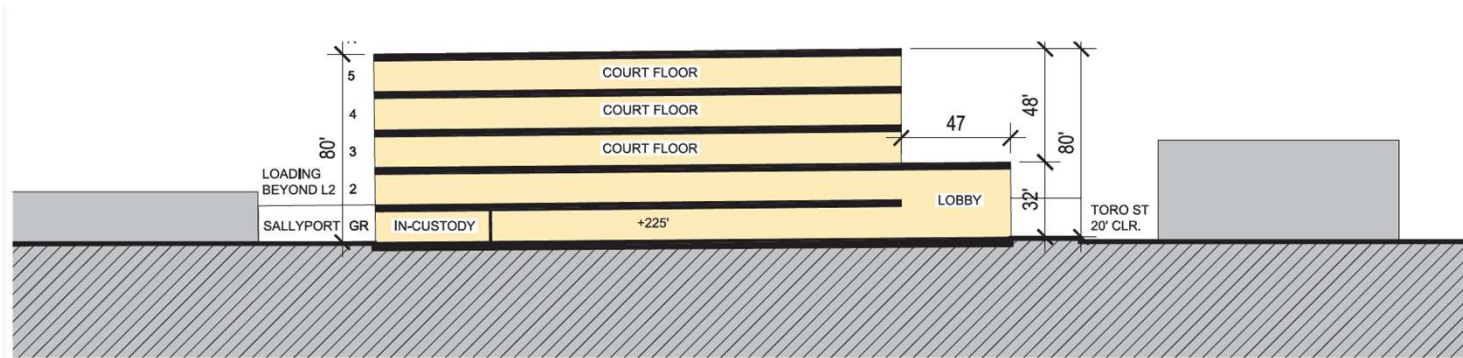
From End of Pedestrian Plaza to Monterey Street



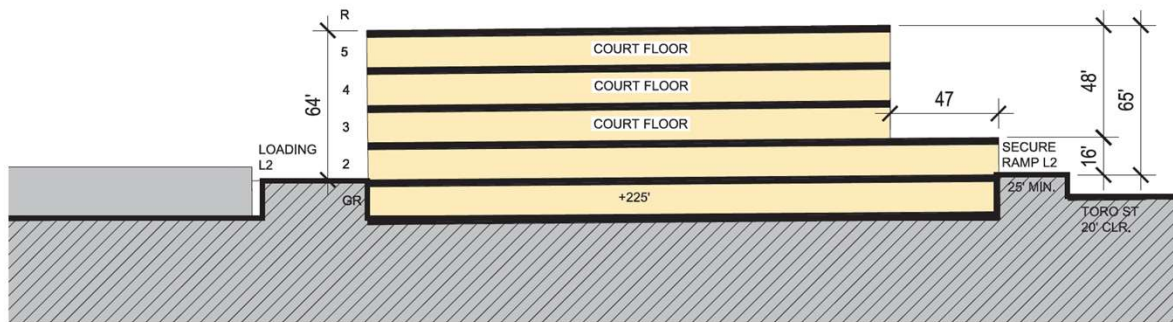
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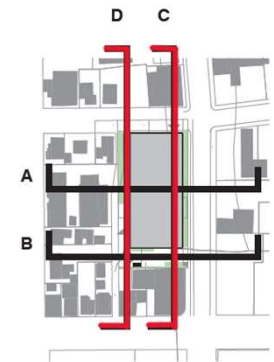
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Chapters of the IS/MND

- Chapter 1, Introduction
- Chapter 2, Project Description
- Chapter 3, Environmental Checklist
- Chapter 4, References
- Chapter 5, Report Preparation
- Appendices

Resource Areas Analyzed in the IS/MND

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

White = less than significant or no impact

Blue = less than significant with mitigation

Project Information Is Available

At the following locations:

- San Luis Obispo Public Library:

995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

- Project website:

<https://courts.ca.gov/facilities/san-luis-obispo-county-new-san-luis-obispo-courthouse>

- At Judicial Council office:

455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Your Input

1. Ask questions about the CEQA process
2. Provide comments on the adequacy of the IS/MND (as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15151)
3. Provide comments on the completeness of the IS/MND

Provide your input by June 13, 2025

(end of 30-day Public Review period)

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Input can also be provided today – preferably in writing or until June 13 by comment card or email