

Master Plan EIR Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Del Mar Fairgrounds' Master Plan Environmental Impact Report is more than 4,500 pages in length. To help you quickly find information on commonly asked questions, we have put together these FAQs. Additional questions and answers may be added at a later date if needed.

Q. Will the projects described in the EIR be funded with taxpayer dollars?

A. No. The 22nd District Agricultural Association, which operates the Del Mar Fairgrounds as an agency of the State of California, is self-supporting. Funding sources for these projects have not yet been determined; however, past construction projects have been funded with bonds and capital improvement funds.

Q. Will the Don Diego statue be taken down?

A. No. The 16-foot bronze Don Diego statue at the main entrance to the grounds will continue to greet visitors for many years to come.

Q. Will the Don Diego image on the Clock Tower be taken down?

A. Yes. The Master Plan calls for the existing exhibit buildings to be replaced, and that includes the Clock Tower in the center of the Fairgrounds. However, the 22nd DAA plans to incorporate the orange tile image of Don Diego on the Clock Tower in the design of the new exhibit space.

Q. What agencies need to certify the Master Plan EIR?

A. The 22nd DAA Board of Directors will certify the EIR after the period of public review, which runs through January 8, 2010. The 22nd DAA then will use the certified EIR to apply for permits from agencies that have jurisdiction for each project contained in the Master Plan. For example, paving the East Lot might involve permits from different agencies as opposed to constructing a new administration building. However, all projects would most likely require a Coastal Development Permit from the California Coastal Commission.

Q. Why is a hotel contained in the Master Plan?

A. The 22nd DAA would like to create a conference center at the Fairgrounds. Conference planners look for facilities with adjacent overnight accommodations. A hotel would generate TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) for the City of Del Mar, create jobs and bring additional business to restaurants and shops in the area. Large conferences would require additional hotel rooms, which would then steer business to other hotels in the area. You can view the hotel plans in Appendix M.

Q. Where can I find information about traffic impacts?

A. In three of the sections: 1.0 Executive Summary, 4.2 Traffic and Circulation, and Appendix K.

In the **1.0 Executive Summary**, Table 1.B (starting on page 13) has Summary of Project Environmental Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Residual Impacts.

Section **4.2 Traffic and Circulation** provides the full EIR analysis of traffic including impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

Appendix K, Traffic Impact Analysis contains the Traffic Impact Analysis and supporting documentation (SANTEC Guidelines, Roadway Classifications/Capacities, count sheets, etc.)

Q. Where can I find information about noise impacts?

A. In three of the sections: 1.0 Executive Summary, 4.4 Noise, and Appendix J.

In the **1.0 Executive Summary**, Table 1.B (starting on page 13) has Summary of Project Environmental Impacts, Mitigation Measures, and Residual Impacts.

Section **4.4 Noise** contains the full EIR analysis of noise including impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

Appendix J, Noise Data contains the supporting noise documentation (Contour 6 Noise Model Printouts).

Q. Where can I find information about construction impacts?

A. Construction-related impacts are discussed in applicable sections of the EIR. For example, construction-related impacts and proposed mitigation to air resources are included within Section **4.3, Air Quality**. Similarly, construction-related noise impacts and mitigation are included in Section **4.4, Noise**.