

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**



**DATE:** July 3, 2007  
**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Todd Leon, R Street Development Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **FOCUSED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR  
THE CADA R STREET AREA IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (CADA  
RSAIP)**

**Introduction.** The Capitol Area Development Authority (CADA) will be the Lead Agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for CADA R Street Area Implementation Plan (RSAIP). The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15082, states that once a decision is made to prepare an EIR, the lead agency must prepare a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to inform all responsible agencies of that decision. The purpose of the NOP is to provide responsible agencies and interested persons with sufficient information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects to enable them to make a meaningful response as to the scope and content of the information to be included in the EIR. The responses to this NOP will help CADA determine the scope of the EIR and ensure an appropriate level of environmental review. The EIR will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and recommend mitigation measures, as required. The EIR will provide a programmatic evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed project, pursuant to Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines. The NOP is being circulated/distributed for a 30-day public review period commencing on July 5, 2007 and ending August 3, 2007. Written comments regarding the Notice of Preparation must be submitted **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. August 3, 2007** to:

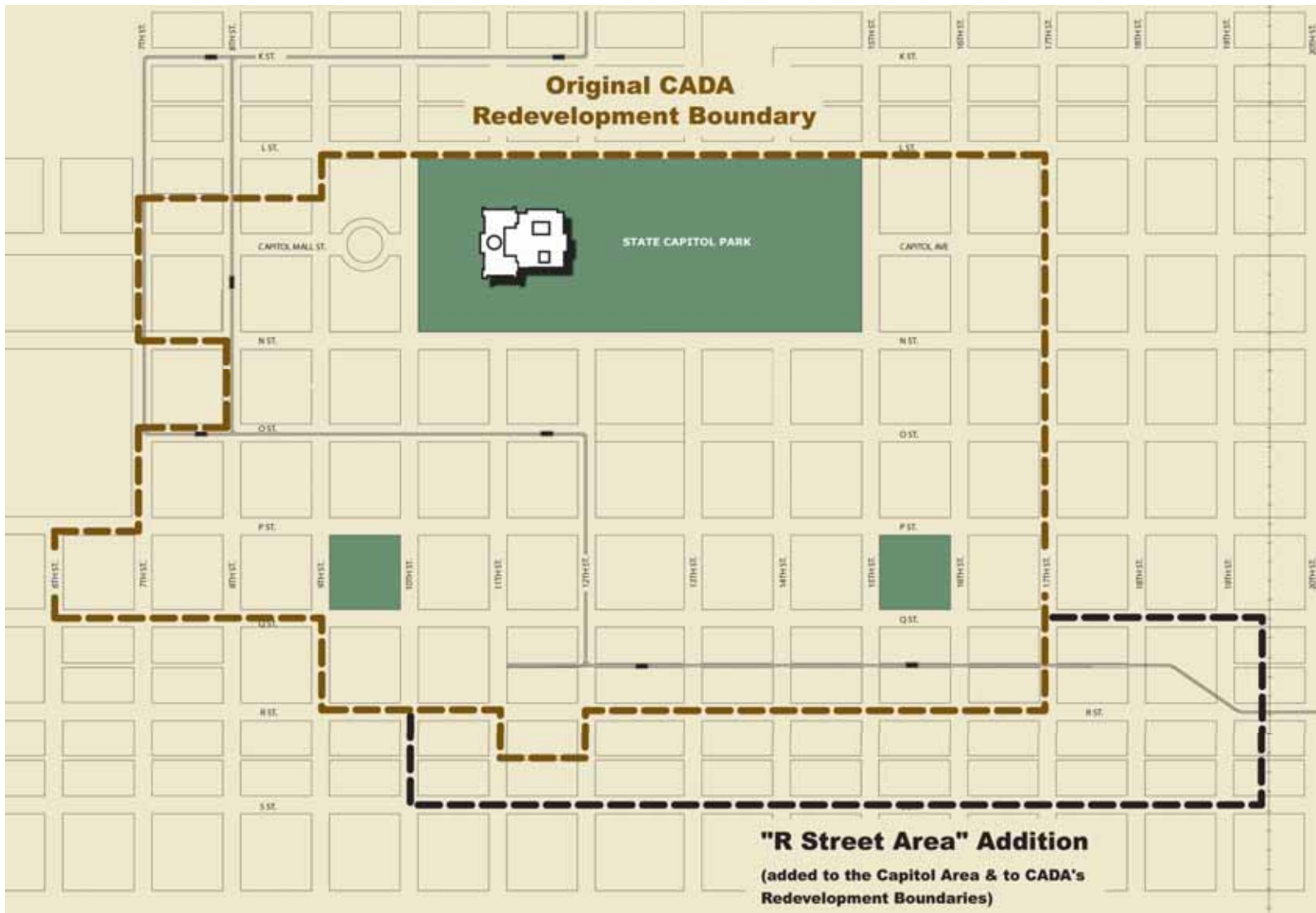
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**Project Location and Description.** The CADA R Street Area Implementation Plan (RSAIP) is a strategic plan setting forth the recommended sequence of improvements and programs to revitalize the CADA R Street Project Area. The R Street Corridor is an east-west corridor of the Central City of the City of Sacramento. Figure 1 shows the exact boundaries of the R Street Project Area. This

portion of R Street was designated as part of the Capitol Area by special State Legislation (Senate Bill 1460) passed in 2002 in order to provide expanded powers for revitalization and redevelopment of this area. CADA serves as the development agency for this area. The subject area includes this expanded project area and includes the area generally bounded by 9<sup>th</sup> Street on the west, 19<sup>th</sup> Street on the east, the south side of Q Street on the north and the north side of S Street on the south. The RSAIP does not change existing land use designations but rather is designed to be consistent with the adopted R Street Master Plan of the City of Sacramento Central City Community Plan. The RSAIP includes recommendations to pursue streetscape improvements in the area between 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Streets, water main upgrades, improvements to the light rail stations at 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and support and development of mixed income and affordable housing.

**Probable Environmental Effects.** An Initial Study has been prepared for this project which identified the types of environmental impacts that should be further studied in the EIR. It is anticipated that the following issue areas will be addressed in the EIR: a cultural resources, biological resources (trees), air quality, hazardous materials risks, and traffic and parking assessments would be done at a programmatic level to identify potential impacts and programmatic mitigation measures.



**NOP FIGURE 1: R STREET PROJECT AREA ADDITION TO THE CAPITOL AREA**