



## AMC Theater EIR Scoping Meeting

May 19, 2011

### Meeting Notes/ Summary of Public Comments

- Monthly Parkers – How will employees get around from Civic Center garage/library?
- How did City decide to remove PS3 to build a theater?
- Businesses in the area see reduced parking availability and more parking demand.
- Current mitigations would help current situation – need more to help offset loss of PS3
- Need to factor in other AMC sites that will close – need parking for new uses in the buildings vacated by AMC
- Current theater seats may not be well used – new project and redesign may drive more theater patrons
- Why is there no parking at the theater site?
- Need to know where parking will be redirected and analyze effects
- Wants traditional parking impact analysis that focuses on potential parking impacts for merchants and visitors on 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- Concern that City is not able to objectively evaluate analysis due to its involvement in overall projects
- Need to build replacement parking before PS3 is torn down
- Alternative – Reverse order of projects – Build 5<sup>th</sup> and Arizona parking first then build AMC
- Alternative – Subterranean parking needs to be included in theater
- Interim Parking at 5<sup>th</sup> and Arizona is not a long term solution (mitigation)
- Consultants should look at EIR alternatives carefully
- Too many moving parts in Downtown and Civic Center – What are the cumulative effects?
- Walker study not concrete enough
- Alternative is to wait on AMC until PS6 is done
- Consider alternatives to site specified for closure (new use could be a variety of uses)
- Is there a market for theaters in the future? Potential land use impacts
- Seismic retrofit for PS3 is needed and already planned for
- Excited about AMC but wants long term and short term parking issues resolved
- Ok with PS3 being rebuilt/retrofitted but note permanently demolished
- Wants EIR mitigations to be tangible and concrete – not speculative
- Employees- will shuttles between Civic Center and Downtown adequately serve them? People want their cars as close as possible to their work site
- A business owner asked their own employees and feedback was that the shuttles wouldn't serve them well; employees are not willing to move to Civic Center and the Library parking
- Wants to see a traditional parking impact analysis prepared
- City shouldn't study parking with land use section – make it an exception and study as a stand-alone section



- Wants City to keep in mind the spatial components of uses and parking proximity
- Wants City to consider merchants, employees, visitors, convenience, comfort, and safety
- Traffic analysis will be key
- What is the history of the demand and monthlies from PS3?
- PS3 is highly utilized- Why build an AMC here?
- Provide Context in EIR for why employee monthly permit use has terminated in PS3.
- Existing conditions – provide historical background regarding parking
- NOP comments should be posted online along with meeting notes
- One way parking on 6<sup>th</sup>? Others? Potential Solution
- Theater patrons want to park at theater not walk