

FACT SHEET

Expedited Processing

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does it take to receive an initial response, once a project application has been submitted for initial consideration?

The Department responds to individual requests normally within 10 business days.

How long will it take to be invited to a consultation meeting with City Planning?

If eligible for expedited processing, applicants will receive a calendar invite with details on the time and location of their meeting. Meetings are scheduled in the order requests are received, and may be scheduled up to one month out. Most meetings are thirty minutes in length and are held at 11:00 am and 11:30 am on Mondays and Thursdays, as well as 2:00 pm on Wednesdays.

What materials are required for the consultation meeting?

City Planning is looking to make targeted revisions to the CASP, including its incentive zoning system, that further strengthen the original vision and intent of the Specific Plan. This update involves the following components:

Do applicants submit their application and fees directly to Expedited Processing?

Once the project has been accepted for expedited processing, the original completed Expedited Permit Fee Agreement, the Initial Deposit Fee, and case submittal can be uploaded online using the City's Online Application Portal. Alternatively, applicants can also file their case in-person at any of the Development Services Centers (DSCs).

Are standalone Conditional Use applications for the sale of alcoholic beverages (CUBs) and/or entertainment (CUXs) eligible for expedited processing?

Standalone Conditional Use applications for the sale of alcoholic beverages (CUBs) and entertainment (CUXs) could be eligible for expedited services. These applications require a pre-intake consultation meeting, if seeking expedited services. Contact Planning.ccu@lacity.org or (213) 202-5464 for additional questions.

Are projects located within a plan overlay eligible for expedited processing?

The Department does not offer expedited processing for projects located within a special geographic overlay. Consult the Department's web-based mapping tool—Zone Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS)—to look up property information, including whether a project site is located within a plan overlay.

Who can prospective applicants contact for general zoning questions?

The public counters at the Development Services Centers (DSCs) are staffed with City officials who can provide guidance and additional information on land use matters.