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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
SOTO STREET WIDENING - MULTNOMAH STREET TO NORTH MISSION ROAD**

Date: June 29, 2009

To: All Interested Persons

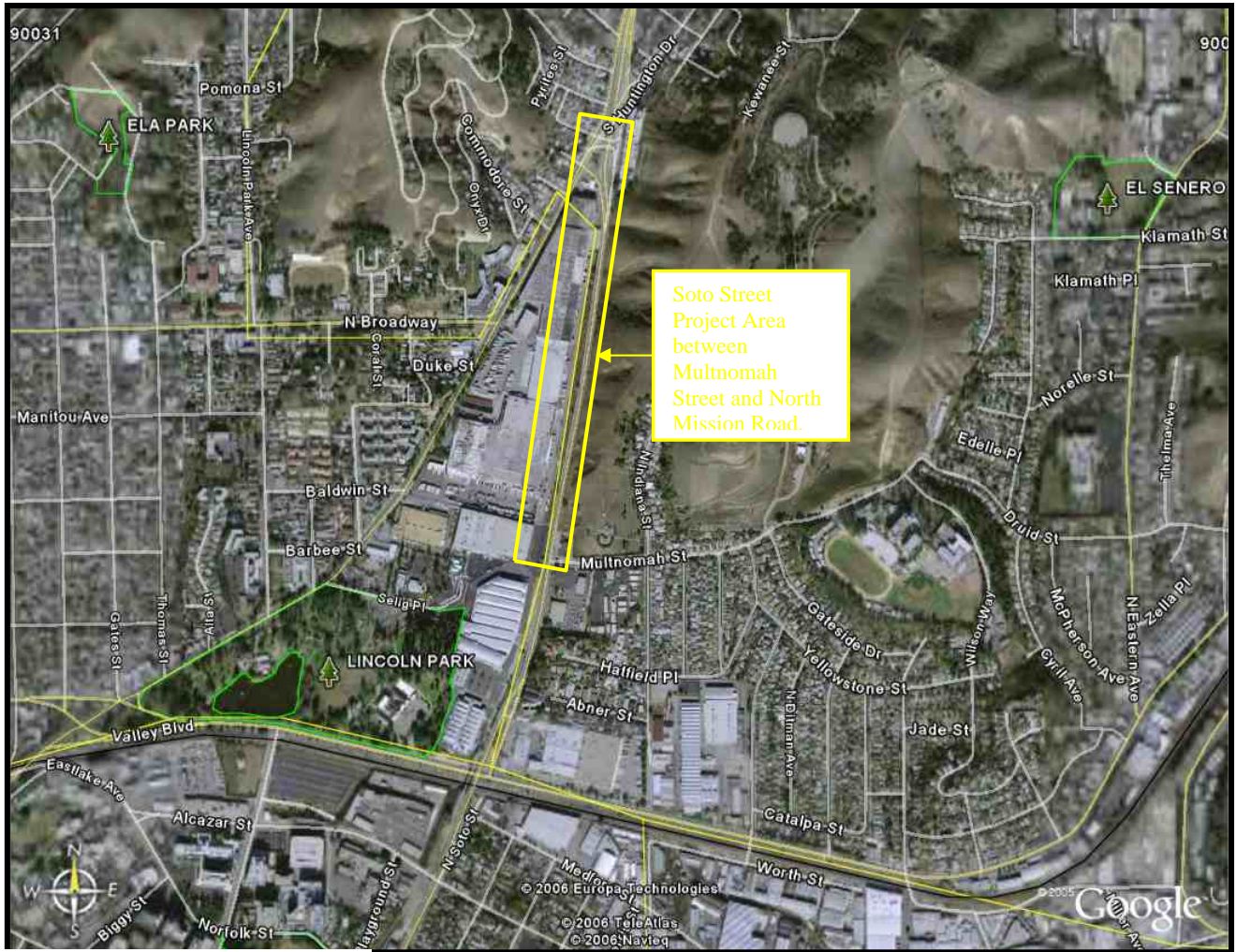
The City of Los Angeles (City) proposes to widen the stretch of Soto Street lying between Multnomah Street and North Mission Road to preserve it as a vital north-south regional transportation link. This would require relocation of the existing eastern edge of right-of-way (ROW) 45 feet to the east and acquisition of ROW that currently accommodates numerous billboards. The resulting widened ROW would be configured to include two (one in each direction) 10-foot interior traffic lanes, two (one in each direction) 11-foot exterior lanes, two (one in each direction) 5-foot shoulder lanes striped for bikeway use, one 4-foot median lane, and one 9-foot sidewalk adjacent to the western side of Soto Street with new railings. No sidewalk is proposed on the eastern side of the street.

The proposed project would require cutting as much as 45 feet of ROW into the hill that rises from the east side of Soto Street and the construction of a retaining wall. The proposed retaining wall would have a maximum length of approximately 2,300 feet and a maximum height of approximately 35 feet. Overhead power lines and poles, which currently extend along the east side of the roadway, would be relocated to east of the new edge of roadway.

The project would be designed, constructed and operated following all applicable laws, regulations, ordinances and formally adopted City standards (e.g., *Los Angeles Municipal Code* and Bureau of Engineering *Standard Plans*). Construction would follow the uniform practices established by the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (e.g., *Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction* and the *Work Area Traffic Control Handbook*) as specifically adapted by the City of Los Angeles (e.g., The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works *Additions and Amendments to the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction* (a.k.a. "The Brown Book," formerly *Standard Plan S-610*).



Project Location and Vicinity Map



Map Not to Scale
Source: Google, 2006.