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To: Agencies and individuals interested in the Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Complex of Bridges Improvement Project

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Glendale-Hyperion Complex of Bridges Improvement Project

Notice of Availability of Initial Study/Environmental Assessment
Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration
Invitation to Community Workshop & Opportunity for Public Hearing for the Proposed Glendale Boulevard-Hyperion Avenue Complex of Bridges Improvement Project

The City of Los Angeles (City) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) have completed an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Glendale-Hyperion Complex of Bridges Improvement Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act.

The project is located on Glendale Boulevard and Hyperion Avenue between Ettrick Street and Glenfeliz Boulevard. The proposed project would improve geometrical design, increase seismic strength, and improve pedestrian, bicycle and motor vehicle travel associated with the viaduct complex. In addition to seismic strengthening, major project features include: widening of the Glendale Boulevard bridges by eight feet each, realigning the I-5 northbound off-ramp to allow left turns onto southbound Glendale Boulevard, adding a median barrier on the Hyperion Avenue viaduct roadway, creating a wider sidewalk on the northwest side of Hyperion Avenue, and eliminating the southeastern sidewalk. The proposed project would also reconstruct the existing deteriorated railings to look similar to the originals and construct an alternate pedestrian crossing over the Los Angeles River. The proposed work will have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The City and Caltrans have evaluated whether adequate mitigation measures can be incorporated into the project plans.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as
defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

The IS/EA is available for your review at the following locations:
- Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering website (http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg)
- Caltrans website (http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/)
- Atwater Village Library at 3379 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles
- Silver Lake Library at 2411 Glendale Blvd., Los Angeles
- Edendale Branch Library at 2011 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles
- Los Feliz Library at 1874 Hillhurst Ave., Los Angeles
- City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering at 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 750, Los Angeles
- Caltrans District 7 at 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles

The IS/EA will be under public review for 30 days. Please submit any comments on the proposed project by October 11, 2013 or request for a public hearing by September 27, 2013 to Tami.Podesta@dot.ca.gov, or:

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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 6 pm - 8 pm  
Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP will be held to provide an opportunity to learn about the project. You will have an opportunity to discuss project details with City and Caltrans representatives and consultants.

Sincerely,

Tami Podesta  
Branch Chief  
Division of Environmental Planning, District 7

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