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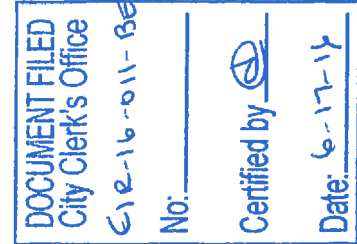
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June 23, 2016

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Persons

From: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Subject: **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Restoration of Historic Streetcar Service in Downtown Los Angeles Project (SCH# 2013011001)**

The City of Los Angeles (the City) is proposing to restore historic streetcar service in downtown Los Angeles. As Lead Agency, the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustees, and other interested parties on the Draft EIR. The significant environmental effects anticipated as a result of the proposed project involve traffic and transportation (intersection capacity), bicycle safety and noise. With implementation of proposed mitigation measures, noise impacts would be reduced to less than significant, the impacts regarding intersection capacity would remain significant and unavoidable, and the impacts regarding bicycle safety would remain significant and unavoidable. The contents of this Notice of Availability have been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA) Guidelines.

Project Location: The proposed project would be located in downtown Los Angeles along a 3.8 mile route that would begin at Hill and 1st Streets, run east along 1st Street, south on Broadway, west along 11th Street, north along Figueroa Street, east along 9th or 7th Streets, and north along Hill Street, back to its beginning at 1st Street. Two of the alternatives include a Grand Avenue Extension, beginning at Hill Street, and continuing south along Grand Avenue to a stop north of 2nd Street.

Project Description: The City of Los Angeles is proposing to construct and operate electrically powered streetcar service via one of four alignment alternatives that are analyzed in the Draft EIR. Figure 1 shows the route along which streetcar service would operate. Boarding platforms would be provided on most blocks along the alignment, with final platform locations to be determined in final design. Streetcar service would operate seven days a week; round trip running times would be approximately 35-40 minutes. Power to the streetcars would be



provided by a series of traction power substations located along the alignment and delivered by means of overhead catenary wires supported on trolley poles located in the sidewalks along the alignment. A maintenance and storage facility would also be constructed to service streetcar vehicles; four alternative sites are evaluated in the Draft EIR, one of which is no longer available and is removed from consideration (an Errata Sheet describes this change to the project description).

Public Review Period: The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day period which begins on June 24, 2016, and closes on August 8, 2016. Public comments on the Draft EIR will be received during this period. The Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR may be viewed at the following locations:

- Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group, 1149 South Broadway, 6th Floor, contact: William Jones at (213) 485-5760, fax: (213) 847-0656
- Los Angeles Central Public Library; 630 W. 5th Street, CA 90071
- Little Tokyo Branch Library; 203 S. Los Angeles Street, CA 90012

Additionally, the Draft EIR and Appendices may be viewed at the following location:

- Project website: http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/historic_streetcar.htm

During the public review period, a public meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the Draft EIR. The public meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at the Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium, LAPD; 100 W. 1st Street, CA 90012.

Following the close of the review period, the City will prepare responses to comments and will compile these comments and responses into a Final EIR. All responses to comments submitted on the EIR by public agencies will be provided to those agencies at least 10 days prior to final action on the project. City Council Committee(s) may consider and make recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the Final EIR. The Los Angeles City Council will make findings regarding the extent and nature of the impacts as described in the Final EIR. The Final EIR will need to be certified as complete by the City prior to making a decision to approve or deny the project. Public input is encouraged at all public hearings before the City.

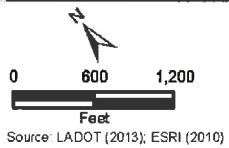
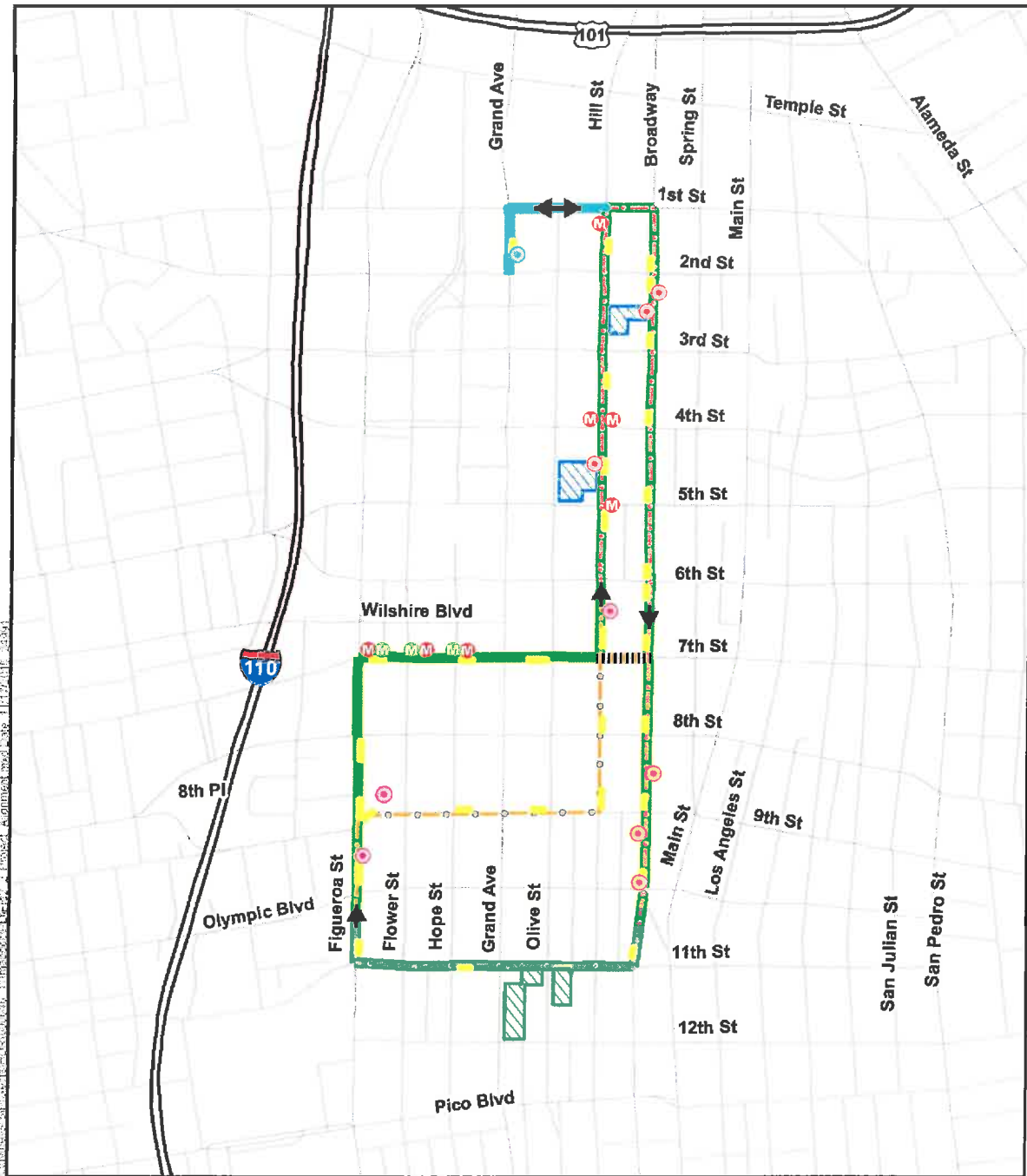
Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to:

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Comments may also be submitted at the public meeting on July 12, 2016, at the Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium, LAPD; 100 W. 1st Street, CA 90012.

Figure 1. Proposed Downtown Los Angeles Streetcar Route



- Legend**
- █ 7th Street Alternative
 - █ 9th Street Alternative
 - █ Proposed Platforms
 - Service Connection
 - Grand Avenue Extension
 - Potential Maintenance and Storage Facility
 - Potential Traction Power Substation Site
 - Blue/Expo Line Station Access
 - Red/Purple Line Station Access

Note: Platform locations subject to change in final design.

