May 18, 2017

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

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

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

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the
Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Telecommunications Cable Hub (SCH# 2016101050)

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Telecommunications Cable Hub. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties regarding the content of the environmental analysis and information included in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR is available for review for a 45-day period ending on July 3, 2017.

Project Title: Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Telecommunications Cable Hub

Project Applicant: TE Subsea Communications LLC (TE SubCom)

Project Description: The Project consists of the installation and operation of up to four (4) submarine fiber optic cable systems which would connect the United States to various locations in Asia-Pacific, beginning with Hong Kong. Phase I of the Project would include installation of the Pacific Light Cable Network (PLCN) subsea telecommunication cable system, a second marine cable “segment,” referred to here as the Trans-Pacific Cable Segment, and construction of associated infrastructure, including horizontal directionally drilled (HDD) bore pipes, underground beach manholes (BMHs), ocean ground beds, and the terrestrial conduit route connecting the BMHs to an existing data center. All permanent Project components would be installed below ground. Phases II, III, and IV would include installation and operation of a subsea cable system to complete the Trans-Pacific Cable Segment (Phase II) and two additional cable systems (Phases III and IV, respectively).

Project Location: The Project landing site would be located within the northeast corner of a parking lot at Dockweiler State Beach (33°56’31.26”N 118°26’29.64”W), immediately west of South Marine Avenue, and approximately 70 meters (m) (230 feet [ft]) west of Vista Del Mar Boulevard abutting the western boundary of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). A subsurface terrestrial duct system would be constructed from the Project-installed beach manholes at the Dockweiler State Beach parking lot to an existing data center, requiring conveyance through public street rights-of-way (ROW) within the cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: Based on the analysis of the Draft EIR, the Project may result in temporary significant and unavoidable impacts related to air quality and noise during Project operations.
construction. Other issues addressed in the Draft EIR include: aesthetic and visual resources, terrestrial biological resources, marine biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gases, hydrology and water quality, hazards and public safety, land use and recreation, public services (police protection, fire protection, emergency medical services, schools, and libraries), and traffic and transportation. With implementation of mitigation measures, no significant and unavoidable Project or cumulative impacts associated with these environmental topics are expected.

Public Review Period: The Draft EIR will be available for public review for a 45-day period, commencing on May 18, 2017, and concluding on July 3, 2017. The Draft EIR can be accessed online at http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm and is available for review at the following locations:

Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Public Library
7114 West Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA  90045
(310) 348-1082

Council District 11- Westchester District Office
7166 West Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 568-8772

Playa Vista Branch Library
6400 Playa Vista Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90094
(310) 437-6680

El Segundo Public Library
111 West Mariposa Avenue
El Segundo, CA 90245
(310) 524-2722

A copy of the Draft EIR may also be obtained by contacting Mr. William Jones of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5760.

Comments will be accepted from May 18, 2017 to July 3, 2017. Please submit comments in writing to the address below no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 3, 2017.

Mr. William Jones, Environmental Supervisor II
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
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Los Angeles, CA 90015

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to William.Jones@lacity.org (please include “Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Cable Hub Comments” in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.

Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held during the Draft EIR public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the Draft EIR. This meeting will be held at the following date, time, and location:

Tuesday: June 6, 2017
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Westchester Community Room
7166 West Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045

If you require a sign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation to conduct business with City staff at the scoping meeting for a disability, as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act, please contact the City staff person listed in this NOP at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to arrange for such accommodation.