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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

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

From: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Asilomar Boulevard Landslide Mitigation Project**

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is the Lead Agency under the *California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)* and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Proposed Project. The Asilomar Landslide is an active landslide located on the south-facing slope below the Asilomar Boulevard right-of-way (ROW) in the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles. As a result, the City is proposing to stabilize the portion of Asilomar Boulevard between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street to prevent further sliding of the roadway in the area.

The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project, in accordance with *California Code of Regulations*, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency may need to use the EIR when considering any permit or other approval that your agency must issue for the Proposed Project. In addition, the City requests comments from other interested parties, stakeholders, and the general public on the scope of the environmental issues related to the Proposed Project.

The Project site includes an approximately 600-foot-long segment of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW between Almar Avenue and Wynola Street. Asilomar Boulevard provides approximately 1,350 linear feet of local east-west vehicular and pedestrian access in the southwestern portion of the Pacific Palisades community of the City of Los Angeles. The Project site is bounded by residential uses on the north and west, and open space uses on the south and east. Asilomar View Park, also known as Palisades-Asilomar Park, is owned by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks and located along the southern boundary of Asilomar Boulevard. Regional access to the Project site is provided via Interstate 10 (I-10, Santa Monica Freeway), located approximately 3.2 miles to the southeast; State Route 1 (SR-1, Pacific Coast Highway [PCH]), located approximately 0.25 mile to the south; Temescal Canyon Road, located approximately 0.25 mile to the east; and Sunset Boulevard, located approximately 0.58 mile north of the Project site. Figures 1 and 2 attached show the regional location and the project location, respectively.

The Proposed Project would seek to limit major earthwork and construction activity on the slope south of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW. Using a construction method called Cement-Deep Soil Mixing (CDSM),



drilling within the ROW would occur using paddles that would mix the existing subsurface material with cement, forming approximately 2- to 8-foot-wide columns, depending on final design, up to a depth of 120 feet, which would strengthen the subsurface material and stabilize the slide area of the roadway. The CDSM columns would be installed in a grid pattern located entirely within an approximately 600-foot-long by 50-foot-wide portion of the Asilomar Boulevard ROW. Modifications to the existing sidewalks and driveways on the north side of Asilomar Boulevard are not anticipated under this alternative. Following installation of the CDSM columns, the Project site would appear similar to existing conditions, as all structures would be installed below the ground surface. The Proposed Project would also maintain the natural look of the existing slope south of Asilomar Boulevard.

An analysis of potential environmental effects is provided in the Initial Study Checklist prepared for the Proposed Project. Potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project may include:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Paleontological Resources
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, the EIR will include an evaluation of the No Project Alternative, as well as discussion of a reasonable range of alternatives. Potential alternatives will be analyzed at a lower degree of detail than the Proposed Project. The potential alternatives that may be evaluated in the EIR other than the required No Project Alternative may include, but not be limited to, alternative construction methods for the stabilization of Asilomar Boulevard.

The Initial Study Checklist is available for review at the following locations:

- Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the Initial Study Checklist may also be obtained by contacting Ms. Eileen Schoetzow of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5751 and can also be accessed online at: <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

Scoping Meeting

A scoping meeting will be held to obtain input on the scope of the contents of the EIR, as well as to present information on the Proposed Project design. This meeting will be held at the following date, time and location:

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Palisades Charter High School
Gilbert Hall
15777 Bowdoin Street
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Scoping Meeting Location

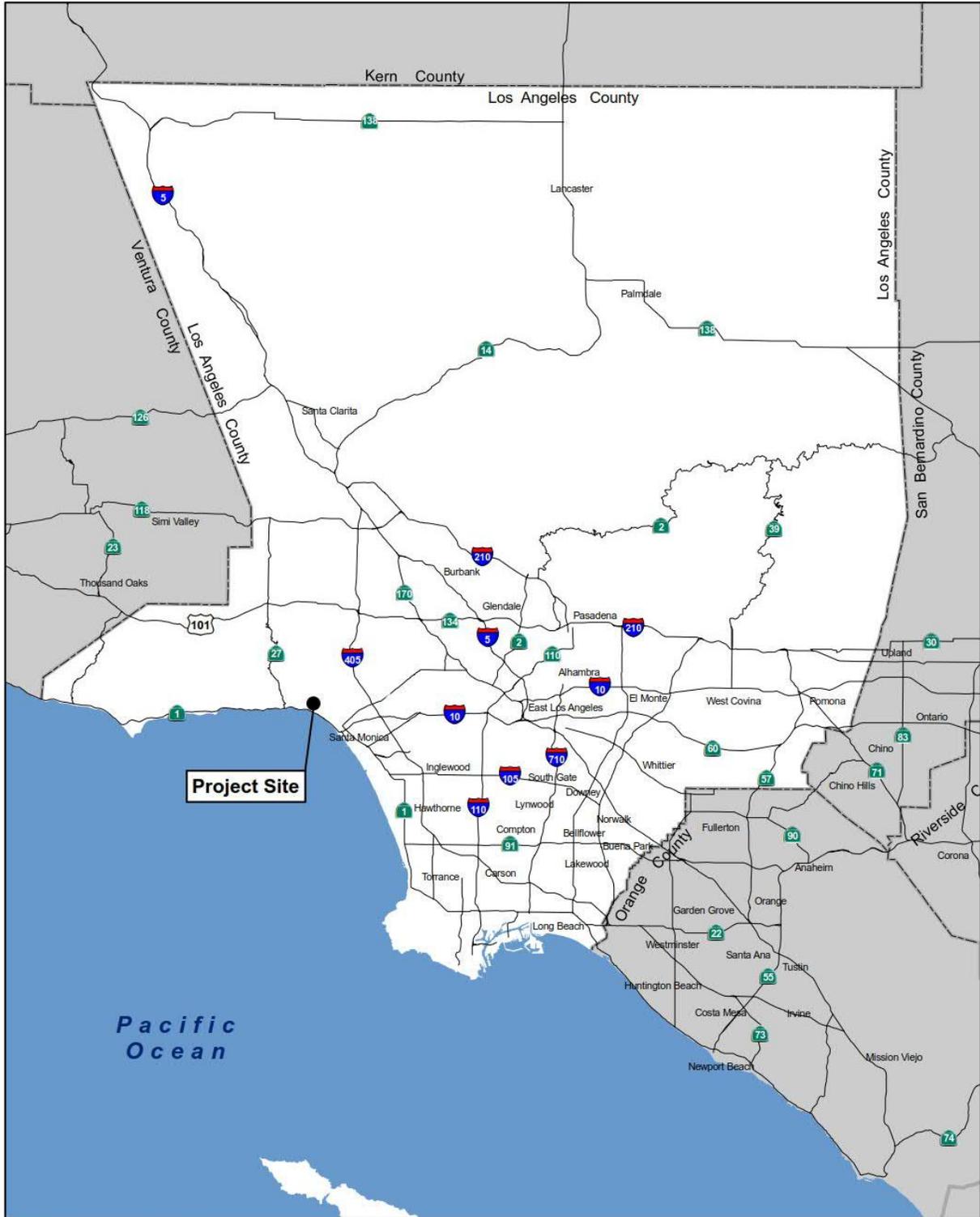


Comments

Comments will be accepted from September 28, 2017 to October 27, 2017. Please send your comments by mail to:

Ms. Eileen Schoetzow, Environmental Supervisor I
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Eileen.Schoetzow@lacity.org (please include **"Asilomar Boulevard Landslide Comments"** in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.



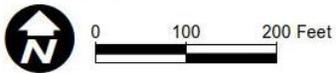
Source: Esri Maps & Data, 2017



Figure 1
Regional Vicinity Map



Source: ESRI 2017



- Active Construction Zone
- Construction Laydown Area

Figure 2
Project Location Map