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September 16, 2022

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LADOT ALL-ELECTRIC BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles (the City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (LABOE) and Department of Transportation (LADOT) have prepared an Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/Draft MND). Pursuant to CEQA, the City identified no potentially significant adverse impacts and proposes to adopt the MND.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City proposes to build an electric bus maintenance facility (EBMF) in the Southeast Los Angeles community to support its future electric bus fleet. The proposed EBMF will support up to 130 Battery-Electric Bus (BEB) vehicles. The City is in the process of purchasing the properties at 740 and 800 East 111th Place (the site) to use for construction of the EBMF. The EBMF would eventually replace the existing LADOT bus maintenance facility located approximately 2 miles to the south.

Construction of the EBMF would require demolition of the existing buildings on the site. The new facility would include a two-story operation and maintenance building, bus maintenance bays, a service building, a bus wash building, the BEB parking/charging area, and a second-story parking deck with a photovoltaic (PV) system canopy. Electrification equipment, including electrical transformers, switch cabinets, and bus chargers, would also be installed.

Property acquisition would be completed in early 2023, followed by the final engineering design. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2024 and be completed by mid-2026. During operations, approximately 312 employees would be working onsite, and the facility is planned to be open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING: The proposed EBMF site is located on a 5.5-acre property at 740 and 800 East 111th Place in South Los Angeles. The site is zoned M1-1-CPIO (Limited Industrial-Height District 1-CPIO) and has been utilized as a logistics warehouse for solar panels. Land uses adjacent to the site include residential and commercial uses, a school, and a community center.



PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS/Draft MND for the EBMF will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, starting on September 16, 2022, and ending on October 17, 2022. The IS/Draft MND can be viewed on the LABOE website at: bit.ly/111EBMF. A hard copy of the document is available for review at the Alma Reaves Woods - Watts Branch Library (10205 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90002) and at the address listed below by appointment only. Please contact Lauren Rhodes at the address below to schedule an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETING: A virtual public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022, from 6:00 PM -7:30 PM, for interested individuals to learn more about the proposed project and the findings of the Initial Study. Individuals will have the opportunity to make verbal comments about the IS/Draft MND during the meeting.

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Individuals also may submit written comments about the IS/Draft MND. All comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 17, 2022, by mail or email to Lauren Rhodes:

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Please include “**EBMF IS/Draft MND Project Comments**” in the subject line.