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NOTICE OF PREPARATION August 16, 2018

To: Public Agencies, Neighbors, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties

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

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project**
State Clearinghouse No. (SCH#) Pending Assignment by CA Office of Planning and Research

The City of Los Angeles (City) Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is beginning the environmental review process for the proposed Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project (Project), an approximately 3.6-mile tunnel running from Dodger Stadium in Elysian Park to East Hollywood, Los Feliz, or Rampart Village in Los Angeles (see attached Project location map, Figure 1). The City's BOE is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As the CEQA Lead Agency, the City's BOE has prepared an Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Checklist in accordance with current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Article I, and Section 15082 of CEQA Guidelines. A copy of the IS can be found here: <http://eng.lacity.org/dugout-loop>.

The proposed Project includes the construction and operation of an approximately 3.6-mile subterranean, zero-emissions, high-speed transportation system from the East Hollywood, Los Feliz, or Rampart Village neighborhoods to Dodger Stadium in the city of Los Angeles. The proposed Project includes excavating approximately 150,000 cubic yards of soil and operating a battery-powered public transportation system within the tunnel utilizing modified Tesla Model X vehicles affixed to an "electric skate" exterior track. The proposed Project Area is located under and adjacent to public ROW between Dodger Stadium at 1000 Vin Scully Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90012 to the east, proceeding under Vin Scully Avenue, under Sunset Boulevard, and either continuing under Sunset Boulevard to terminate in the neighborhood of Los Feliz, proceed west under Silver Lake and Beverly Boulevards to terminate in the neighborhood of Rampart Village, or proceed west under Santa Monica Boulevard to terminate in the neighborhood of East Hollywood (Project Area). See Figure 1,. The Project Area is located in Council Districts 1, 4, 10, and 13 at the boundary of the City of Los Angeles' Hollywood, Wilshire, and Silver Lake-Echo Park-Elysian Valley Community Plan areas, and the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan area.

The City is requesting input from public agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to the statutory responsibilities of agencies and to the concerns of other interested stakeholders. Using the information obtained through the environmental scoping period, the City will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and alternatives. The City's BOE welcomes comments and/or concerns related to the content of the environmental information presented and invites you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the proposed Project and participate in the environmental review process. You can learn more about the design process for the proposed Project here: www.boringcompany.com/dugout.

Proposed Project Elements

The proposed Project may include the following elements and activities:

- One transportation tunnel between Dodger Stadium and East Hollywood;
- One entry/exit point (Loop Lift) at or near the Dodger Stadium property;
- One entry/exit point (Loop Lift) in Los Feliz, East Hollywood, or Rampart Village; and, Access Shafts to be used for maintenance and emergency access/egress, spaced approximately ½-mile apart along the tunnel alignment on private land owned/leased by The Boring Company.

Potential Environmental Effects

Potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project include the following, which are included in the scope of the IS and will be discussed in detail in the Draft EIR: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, land use/planning, noise, population and housing, public services, transportation/traffic, tribal cultural resources, utilities/service systems, and mandatory findings of significance.

Availability of the Initial Study

In accordance with the CEQA statutes and Guidelines, the IS is being circulated for public review and comment.

The public review period for this IS will begin on August 16, 2018 and will conclude on September 17, 2018.

Environmental documents related to the proposed Project, including the IS, can be found on the BOE's website here: <http://eng.lacity.org/dugout-loop>. Copies of the IS are also available for public review at the following locations:

- Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Echo Park Branch Library, 1410 W Temple St, Los Angeles, CA 90026
- Edendale Branch Library, 2011 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026
- Silver Lake Branch Library, 2411 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039
- Felipe De Neve Branch Library, 2820 W 6th St, Los Angeles, CA 90057
- Cahuenga Branch Library, 4591 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90029
- Los Feliz Branch Library, 1874 Hillhurst Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will be held to obtain input on the IS and the scope and content of the EIR:

August 28, 2018, 6:15 pm – 9:00 pm

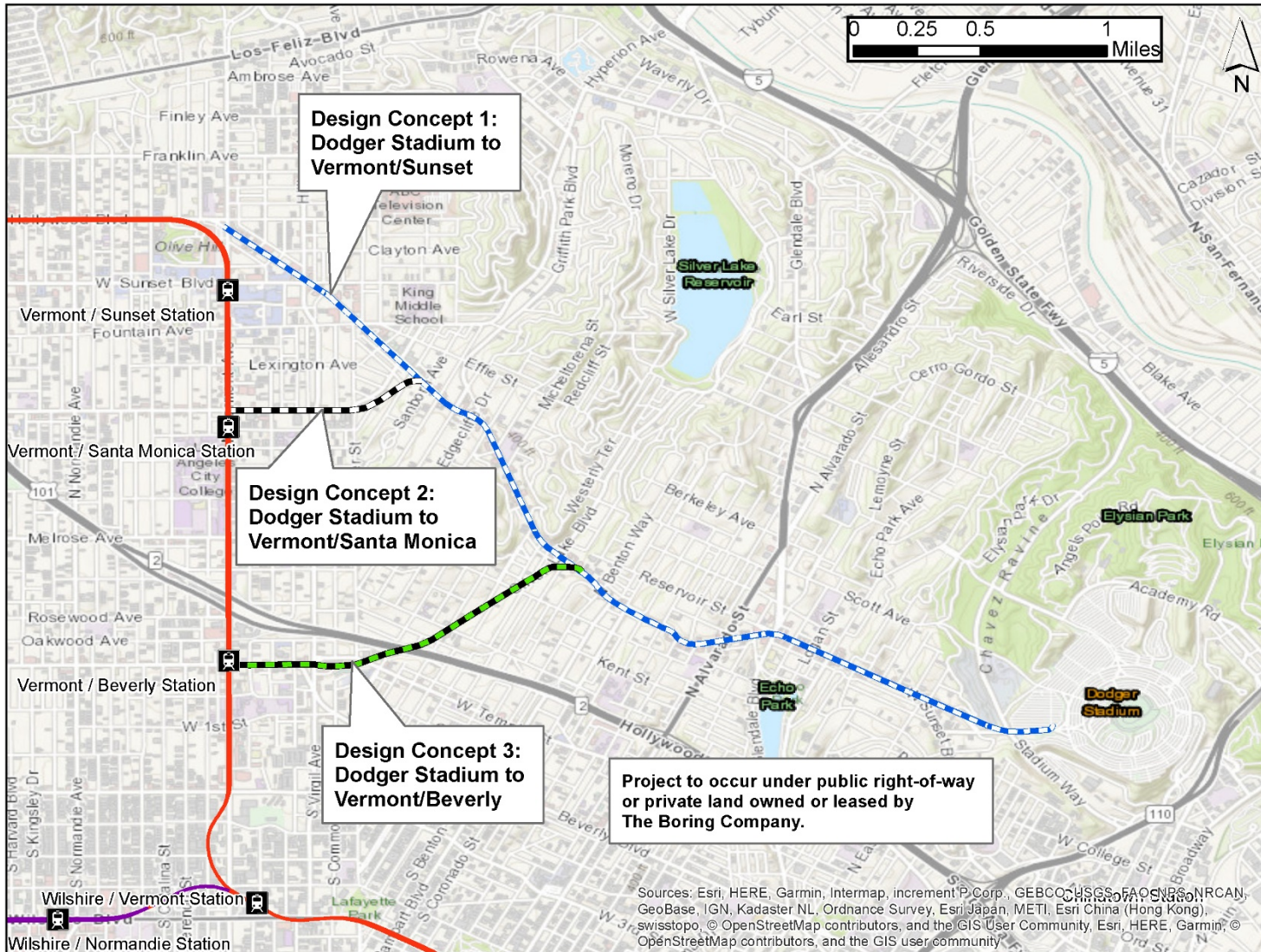
Dodger Stadium

1000 Vin Scully Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Free parking is available. Please use the Left Field Plaza entrance. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Written public comments will be accepted at the meeting. Speaker cards will also be available on a first come, first served basis. The public comment period during the meeting will be limited to two hours and end promptly at 9:00 pm. Each speaker will receive approximately two minutes to provide a comment.

Comments

Please submit your comments, concerns, and any other information that will be helpful in preparing an informative EIR by **September 17, 2018**. Comments may be submitted by email to: jan.green.rebstock@lacity.org (please include Dugout Loop Project in the subject line). Please include the name, telephone number, mailing address, and e-mail address of a person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment. Comments may also be submitted by mail to: RE: Dugout Loop; Dr. Jan Green Rebstock; City of Los Angeles, Public Works, Bureau of Engineering; Environmental Management Group; 1149 South Broadway, 6th Floor, Mail Stop 939; Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213. If you have any questions about the environmental review process for the proposed Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project, please contact Dr. Jan Green Rebstock at (213) 485-5671.



Dugout Loop High Speed Transportation Project

Figure 1