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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

Subject: **Notice of Availability of an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Soto Street Roadway Widening Project from Multnomah Street to Mission Road (W.O. E700320D)**

The City of Los Angeles (City) has released an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Soto Street Roadway Widening Project from Multnomah Street to Mission Road (project). 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 IS/MND. The IS/MND is available for review for a 30-day period ending on August 6, 2018.

Project Title: Soto Street Roadway Widening Project from Multnomah Street to Mission Road

Project Applicant: City of Los Angeles

Project Description: The project would widen Soto Street from three lanes to four lanes (two lanes in each direction) by adding an additional through lane in the southbound direction; add and widen approximately 2,500 feet of sidewalk on the west side of the street and add approximately 2,700 feet of new sidewalk on east side of the street; create a new striped median and add protected bicycle lanes and shoulders to both sides of Soto Street; and incorporate Green Street elements consisting of infiltration basins with drought-tolerant planting, that would include approximately 2,500 feet of new storm drain culvert. The project would also improve the existing signalized intersection of Multnomah Street and Soto Street as well street lighting improvements along Soto Street.

Project Location: The project would be located in the northeastern part of Los Angeles, along Soto Street (34°04'16.2"N 118°11'41.1"W) between Multnomah Street and Mission Road. The corridor connects the Cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Alhambra and the El Sereno community to the northeast, with the Lincoln Heights community to the southwest, and the Boyle Heights community to the south.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: Based on the analysis of the IS/MND, operation and construction of the project would not result in significant and unavoidable impacts to the project area. Other issues addressed in the IS/MND include: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, population and housing, recreation, transportation and traffic, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. With implementation of mitigation measures, no significant and unavoidable project impacts associated with these environmental topics are expected.



Public Review Period: The ISMND is being made available for public review for a 30-day period, commencing on July 5, 2018, and concluding on August 6, 2018. Public comments on the IS/MND will be received during this period. The ISMND is available for review at the following locations:

El Sereno Branch Library
5226 Huntington Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032
(323) 225-9201

Lincoln Heights Branch Library
2530 Workman Street
Los Angeles, CA 90031
(323) 226-1692

Malabar Branch Library
2801 Wabash Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(323) 263-1497

A copy of the IS/MND may also be obtained by contacting Mr. William Jones of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5760 and can also be accessed online at: <http://eng.lacity.org/divisions/environmental-management/projects>.

Comments will be accepted from July 5, 2018 to August 6, 2018. Please submit comments in writing to the address below **no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2018**.

Mr. William Jones, Environmental Supervisor II
City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to William.Jones@lacity.org (please include **“Soto Street Widening Project Comments”** in the subject line) or by fax to (213) 847-0656.