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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Interested Agencies/Persons

From: City of Los Angeles
Department of Transportation
100 South Main Street, 9th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report**

The City of Los Angeles (City) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. We also need to know the views and concerns of interested organizations and persons in order to properly analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Project Title:	Olympic West – Pico East Initiative
Project Location:	The proposed project would take place along Olympic Boulevard and Pico Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Fairfax Avenue in the Wilshire and West Los Angeles planning areas of the City of Los Angeles. The project corridor locations are shown in the attached location map.
Project Description:	The proposed project would include two major elements, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Restriping the existing roadways (without widening), replacing and installing peak period parking restriction signage to provide continuous peak period curb lanes on both sides of Olympic Boulevard and Pico Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Fairfax Avenue. However, no changes to the parking restrictions would be imposed at the following locations: north side of Olympic Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Bundy Drive, south side of Olympic Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Sawtelle Boulevard, and north side of Pico Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and Gateway Boulevard.2. Signal timing modifications of existing traffic signals to favor travel on westbound Olympic Boulevard and eastbound Pico Boulevard. Any signal timing modifications to traffic signals on Olympic Boulevard in the City of Beverly Hills related to this project will require approval from its City Council. In addition, left-turn signals would be added or removed to help accomplish the directional signal operation on Olympic and Pico Boulevards, while still allowing all current left-turns at signalized intersections, and approximately twelve existing north-south arterials would be designated as cross-over streets with new left-turn signals facilitating movements between Olympic Boulevard and Pico Boulevard.
Potential Environmental Effects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation/Traffic• Air Quality• Noise• Cumulative Impacts

An analysis of potential environmental effects is provided in an Initial Study checklist, which is attached or can be viewed at the following locations:

- Palms-Rancho Park Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064
- Robertson Library, 1719 S. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90035
- Westwood Library, 1246 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024
- Online at http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to: Mr. Ken Husting, P.E., Senior Transportation Engineer
 LADOT
 100 South Main Street, 9th Floor
 Los Angeles, CA 90012
 or
 Via email to OWPE@lacity.org

Three public scoping meetings will be held as follows:

Westside Jewish Community Center April 1, 2009 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 5870 West Olympic Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90036	Temple Beth Am April 2, 2009 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 1039 South La Cienega Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90035	Stoner Recreation Center April 7, 2009 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 1835 Stoner Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90025
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ken Husting at (310) 581-8910. We would appreciate the name, telephone number, and e-mail address for the person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment.

Figure 1: Project Location Map

