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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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 90015-2213

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Telecommunications Cable Hub

The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, as the lead agency, will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified below.

The Bureau of Engineering requests your comments regarding the scope and content of the EIR.

Project Title: Los Angeles Trans-Pacific Telecommunications Cable Hub

Project Location: The proposed Project landing site is located within the northeast corner of a parking lot at Dockweiler State Beach (33°56'31.26"N 118°26'29.64"), immediately west of South Marine Avenue, and approximately 70 meters (m) (230 feet [ft]) west of Vista Del Mar Boulevard abutting the western boundary of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). A subsurface terrestrial duct system would be constructed from the project-installed beach manholes at the Dockweiler State Beach parking lot to an existing data center, requiring conveyance through public street rights-of-way (ROW) within the cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo.

Project Description: The Project consists of the installation and operation of up to four transpacific submarine cable systems, which would connect the United States to various locations in Asia-Pacific, starting with Hong Kong. The terrestrial components of the Project would include marine directional bores, beach manholes, buried conduit



systems, fiber optic cables, ocean ground beds, and other ancillary components. All permanent Project components would be installed below ground. The marine components of the Project are comprised of the marine fiber optic cables and the marine portion of the directional bores.

Probable Effects of the Project:

Based on the results of the Initial Study, the Project may result in impacts related to the following environmental topics: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazardous materials, water quality, land use, noise, public services, recreation, and transportation/traffic.

The Initial Study can be reviewed at the following locations:

Westchester-Loyola Village Branch Public Library
7114 W Manchester Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 348-1082

Council District 11- Westchester District Office
7166 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 568-8772

Playa Vista Branch Library
6400 Playa Vista Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90094
(310) 437-6680

El Segundo Public Library
111 W Mariposa Ave.
El Segundo, CA 90245

A copy of the Initial Study Checklist 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/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

Written comments must be received or postmarked by Monday, November 14, 2016. (*State CEQA Guidelines*, § 15103 requires that responses to a NOP must be provided within 30 days after receipt of notice).

Please send your response to:

City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering, EMG
Attention: William Jones
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

or

Via email to: William.jones@lacity.org

A public scoping meeting will be held to receive public comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the Draft EIR. The Bureau of Engineering encourages all interested individuals to attend this meeting. The location, date, and time of the public scoping meetings for this project are as follows:

Date: October 25, 2016
Time: 6 – 7:30 PM
Location: Westchester Community Room
7166 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

If you require a sign language interpreter or other reasonable accommodation to conduct business with City staff at the scoping meeting for a disability, as defined by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and California Fair Employment and Housing Act, please contact the City staff person listed in this NOP at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to arrange for such accommodation.