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To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders and Interested Persons

From: City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Van Nuys Fire Station 39 Project (SCH# 2015031067)

The City of Los Angeles (the City) is proposing to construct a new Fire Station 39 to replace the existing Fire Station 39 in the community of Van Nuys. As Lead Agency, the City has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), which evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The City is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustees, and other interested parties on the Draft EIR. The significant environmental effects anticipated as a result of the proposed project involve hazardous materials and noise. With implementation of proposed mitigation measures these impacts would be reduced to a less-than-significant level. The contents of this Notice of Availability have been prepared in accordance with Section 15087 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Project Location: The proposed project would be located at 14615 Oxnard Street in the community of Van Nuys in the City of Los Angeles, approximately 0.5 mile southwest of the location of the existing Fire Station 39 (see attached Figure 1, Project Location). (The project site is not listed on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.)

Project Description: The City of Los Angeles is proposing to construct a two-story, approximately 18,500-square-foot fire station (proposed project) on an approximately 1.2-acre site located on the northwest corner of Oxnard Street and Vesper Avenue in the community of Van Nuys. At present, the project site is a paved vacant lot. The proposed project would replace the existing Fire Station 39, which is located approximately 0.5 mile northeast of the project site. The existing Fire Station 39, located at 14415 Sylvan Street, is an approximately 14,000-square foot building located adjacent to the Van Nuys Civic Center. The existing Fire Station 39 cannot accommodate the additional resources needed to meet present and future demands for fire protection services.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities.

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Public Review Period: The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day period which begins on March 24, 2016, and closes on May 9, 2016. Public comments on the Draft EIR will be received during this period. The Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR may be viewed at the following locations:

- Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group, 1149 South Broadway, 6th Floor, contact: Maria Martin at (213) 485-5753, fax: (213) 847-0656
- Van Nuys Branch, Los Angeles Public Library, 6250 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401
- Van Nuys District Office, Councilmember Nury Martinez, CD #6, 14410 Sylvan St., Suite 215, Van Nuys, CA 91401
- Sherman Oaks District Office, Councilmember David Ryu, CD #4, 13907 Ventura Blvd., #104, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

Additionally, the Draft EIR and Appendices may be viewed at the following location:

- Bureau of Engineering website:
http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental_Review_Documents.htm

During the public review period, a public meeting will be held to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on the Draft EIR. The public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at the Van Nuys Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library, 6250 Sylmar St., Van Nuys, CA 91401.

Following the close of the review period, the City will prepare responses to comments and will compile these comments and responses into a Final EIR. All responses to comments submitted on the EIR by public agencies will be provided to those agencies at least 10 days prior to final action on the project. The Board of Public Works and City Council Committee(s) may consider and make recommendations to the Los Angeles City Council regarding the Final EIR. The Los Angeles City Council will make findings regarding the extent and nature of the impacts as described in the Final EIR. The Final EIR will need to be certified as complete by the City prior to making a decision to approve or deny the project. Public input is encouraged at all public hearings before the City.

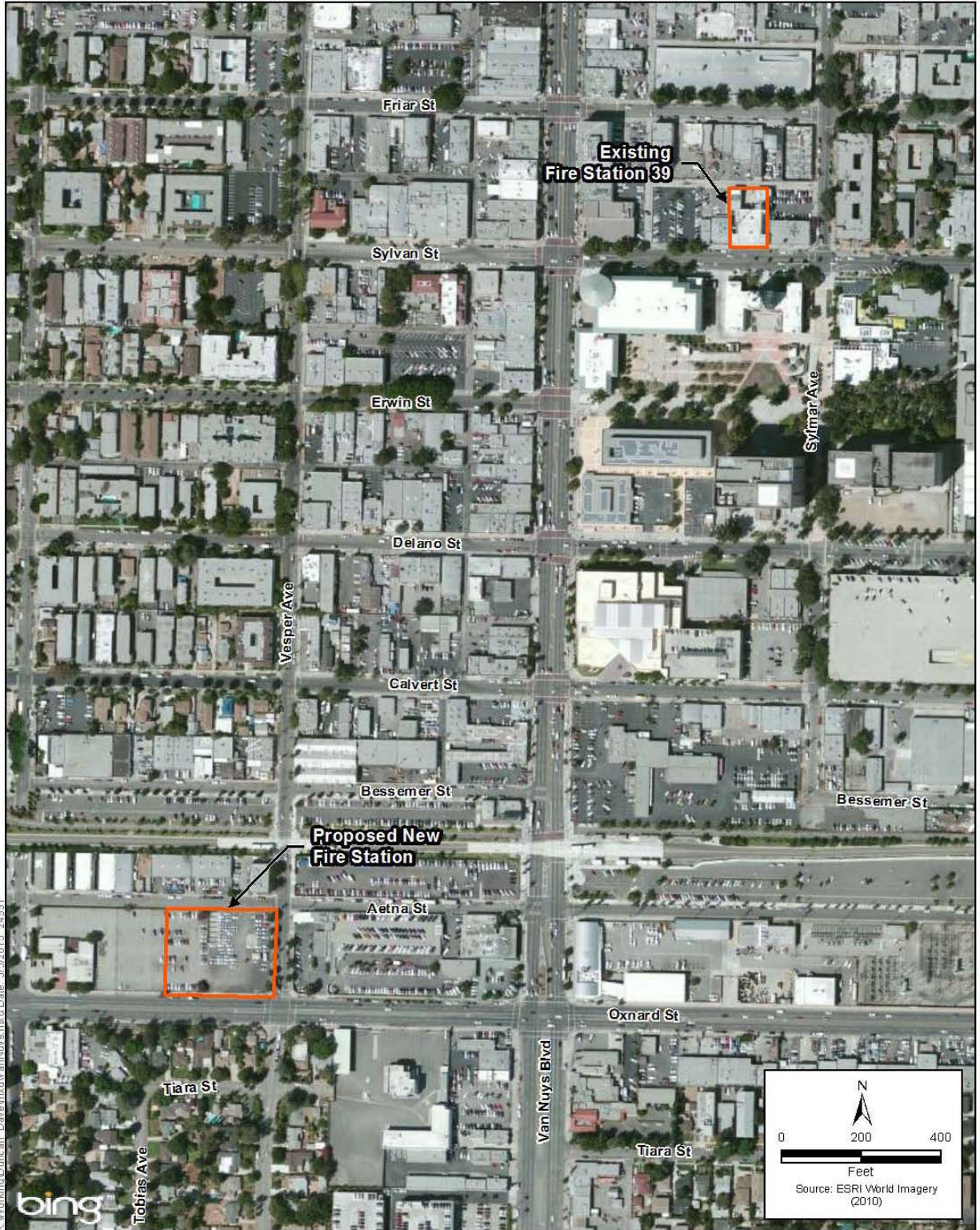
Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to:

Ms. Maria Martin
City of Los Angeles
Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
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Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to Maria.Martin@lacity.org (please include "Van Nuys Fire Station 39 Draft EIR Comments" in the subject line)

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Martin at (213) 485-5753. We would appreciate the name, telephone number, and e-mail address for the person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment.



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Figure 1
Project Location
Van Nuys Fire Station 39