



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: September 25, 2018
TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Final Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT TITLE: Division 20 Portal Widening/Turnback Facility Project
SCH NUMBER: 2017101034
FROM: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Division 20 Portal Widening/Turnback Facility Project (Proposed Project). The Final EIR provides corrections and additions to the Draft EIR as well as responses to comments received during the Draft EIR's public review period that began on March 16, 2018 and ended on April 30, 2018. This notice provides the public, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with a summary of the Proposed Project as well as information regarding the availability of the Final EIR and pending Metro Board action.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project includes widening of the portal for the Metro Red and Purple Lines, construction of new storage tracks, and the provision of a new turnback facility. Specifically, the Proposed Project components include:

- Widening the tunnel portal that currently connects the Metro Red and Purple Lines to the Rail Yard, including construction of a new ventilation shaft building and column in the portal area;
- Constructing new storage tracks;
- Reconfiguring existing tracks and access roads to accommodate a turnback facility;
- Installing a new traction power substation and emergency backup power generator;
- Expanding the Rail Yard west, into areas currently occupied by the Citizens Warehouse/Lysle Storage Company building (formerly known as the James K. Hill and Sons Pickle Works building), the LAPD Viertel's Central Division Police Garage, and the National Cold Storage facility;
- Repurposing an existing building at 100-120 North Santa Fe Avenue for Maintenance of Way activities;
- Modifying the 1st Street Bridge piers and superstructure; and
- Vacating portions of three City streets (i.e., Jackson, Banning, and Ducommun Streets east of Center Street).

PROJECT LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: The Proposed Project would be located within and in the vicinity of the existing Metro Red and Purple Lines Maintenance Yard (Division 20 Rail Yard). The Division 20 Rail Yard is an approximately 45-acre site that houses the Metro Red/Purple Line train storage and maintenance facilities. It is generally bounded by the Los Angeles River to the east, Santa Fe Avenue to the west, Ducommun Street to the north, and the 6th Street Bridge to the south. The footprint of the Proposed Project includes expansion of the existing boundaries west towards Santa Fe Avenue and north towards Commercial Street. The western boundary of the Project Site includes commercial/industrial properties along Santa Fe Avenue, as well as the One Santa Fe mixed-use complex south of the 1st Street Bridge. Immediately to the south of the Project Site is the Arts District, which is comprised of housing, industrial uses, commercial uses, art galleries, and exhibition warehouse spaces. Land uses to the north include commercial/industrial buildings, and the Los Angeles River is located to the east beyond freight rail tracks.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Final EIR is available on-line <https://www.metro.net/division20/>. A copy of the document may also be reviewed at the following locations:

- Los Angeles Public Library, Central Library, 630 West 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Los Angeles Public Library, Little Tokyo Branch, 203 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Kappe Library at SCI-Arc, 960 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013

METRO PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE MEETING: The Metro Planning and Programming Committee will have an opportunity to review the Final EIR and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors when the Committee meets at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA in the Metro Board Room. The public may attend Metro Committee meetings and comment on any item on the agenda or pertaining to Metro.

METRO BOARD MEETING: The Metro Board of Directors will consider certification of the Final EIR in compliance with CEQA at the following time and location:

Date: Thursday, October 25, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Metro Board Room
One Gateway Plaza, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012