

## **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COORDINATION**

### **4.1 Alternatives Analysis**

Four alternatives were considered for the original project design. The alternatives are discussed in Section 2.4 of this document. Other alternatives withdrawn from consideration include those that depressed the BNSF tracks (trench) under the roadways, those that shifted the alignment of Rosecrans Avenue to the north, and those that raised or lowered Marquardt Avenue. Ultimately, the Build Alternative, Offset Overpass with Connector Roads, was selected based on consideration of several criteria identified in an Alternatives Development Report completed for the Project.

Public comment and outreach was initiated to solicit public feedback regarding project alternatives and scope prior to initiating the NEPA process. In July 2015, Metro prepared a Public Participation Plan to engage the public's participation in the alternatives analyses for the Project. In addition, two public meetings were held on September 30, 2015 at the La Mirada Resource Center. An additional meeting was held on October 17, 2017 at the La Mirada Resource Center as well. Postcards and flyers were distributed to the attendees, and mailed to affected stakeholders, including property owners, tenants, businesses, and other interested parties, to further promote the public outreach meetings.

In December 2015, Metro prepared a Public Outreach Summary Report for the two public outreach meetings. Based on feedback provided at the meetings, community members are generally in support of the Project. The majority of meeting attendees were owners and tenants of property that would be potentially acquired, and these attendees were seeking information regarding the acquisitions processes. Attendees were also interested in specific issues surrounding the routes presented under each alternative.

### **4.2 Public Review Period**

During the public review period for the environmental document, public engagement activities will also be conducted to invite input from all members of the community on the environmental analysis. Mailers and other materials may be used to ensure that all members of the community have an opportunity to ask questions, and to comment on the Project and the environmental document. Public comments received during the public review period will be included in the final environmental document, and will be considered during the environmental review and Project development process.

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