

State Route 2 Terminus Improvement Project



Planning and Programming Committee
November 18, 2009

Recommendation

- Receive & File SR-2 Draft IS/EA
- Adopt the Hybrid Alternative as the Locally Preferred Alternative.
- Authorize Contract Modification No. 3
- Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to recommend the LPA to Caltrans District Director for approval upon completion and review of the required environmental analysis and preliminary engineering.

Project Development Team Agencies

- Metro: Project/Study Lead
- Caltrans: Lead Agency, Owner of SR-2
- City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation
Owner of local roads

Purpose and Need for the Project

- Better manage traffic flow at the terminus.
- Enhance accessibility and safety in the vicinity of the SR-2 terminus.
- Develop a freeway terminus design that is compatible with existing residential and commercial uses in the immediate vicinity.

Study History

- 2006 – Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) process begins, including scoping, community design workshop, and focus group meetings (Metro/Caltrans/DOT).
- 2007 – Identification of project alternatives for study in the IS/EA (Metro/Caltrans/DOT) .
- 2009 - Draft IS/EA is completed (Metro/Caltrans).

SR-2 Existing Conditions



State Route 2 Terminus
Overhead view of existing configuration



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State Route 2 Terminus
View southeast from Glendale Boulevard



Project Development Process

- Project outreach and scoping meetings with community, elected officials, and various departments
- Project Development Team meetings with Caltrans, LADOT, Metro, and project consultant
- Project alternatives developed with community participation
- Prepared Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment
- Public review process held during June/July 2009
- Lack of Consensus on Locally Preferred Alternative on any of the IS/EA Build Alternatives led to development of a Hybrid Alternative
- Caltrans, LADOT and Metro agreed to recommend the Hybrid Alternative
- Hybrid Alternative presented to both the Echo Park and Silverlake communities on November 4, 2009 with assent to move forward with required environmental documentation

Proposed Hybrid Alternative

State Route 2 Terminus Improvement Project Hybrid Alternative
Generalized Locations for Physical Improvements



Key Elements/Benefits of Hybrid Alternative

- Convert existing southbound off-ramp to open space
- Relocate SB off-ramp to east of SR-2 with right-turn only access to NB Glendale Blvd.
- Construct barrier/soundwall between flyover and open space area and install traffic metering and calming devices.
- Install new directional signage on SR-2 and I-5 above the interchange, re-stripe lanes and install new signage on SB SR-2
- Install landscaped medians on SR-2 from Terminus north to merge with existing median, and along Glendale Blvd between Allesandro and Apex
- Install new traffic cameras at Waterloo-Fargo/Glendale Blvd intersection.

Key Elements/Benefits of Hybrid Alternative

- Install new pedestrian crosswalks and improve sidewalks at Allesandro and Waterloo, and improve sidewalks along Glendale between the intersections.
- Install traffic calming devices on Waterloo
- Develop pedestrian and bicycle access along the SR-2 Flyover between Duane and Waterloo
- Convert to open space the unused part of the SR-2 Flyover and incorporate with
- Relocate SB off-ramp to east of SR-2 with right-turn only access to NB Glendale Blvd.

Project Cost & Funding

- \$12 million Federal Grant for project planning, design, and construction.
- Metro is seeking additional funding.
- Hybrid Alternative
 - Rough Order of Magnitude cost: \$18 million
 - Cost includes site preparation for future open space improvements

Next Steps

Fall 2009	Preparation of documentation for the Final IS/EA
Winter 2010	Metro Board recommends and Caltrans adopts final environmental documents and approves recommended project alternative
Winter 2010	Issue Finding of No Significant Impact/Mitigated Negative Declaration (FONSI)
2010-2011	Develop Final Engineering/Construction Documents
2011 – 2014*	Project Construction

* Projected time frames are contingent upon approval of project and securing necessary funding.