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Notice of Availability

Final Environmental Impact Report Metro E Line Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Metro E Line Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project (Project). The Final EIR summarizes revisions to the Project that occurred since the release of the Draft EIR in June 2022. In addition, the Final EIR includes all comments received during the Recirculated Draft EIR public review period (June through August 2022) and responses to these comments. And finally, the Final EIR includes the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as well as other conditions of approval for the certification of the Final EIR. This notice is being provided to announce the release and availability of the Final EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project includes an approximately 4.6 to 9.0-mile extension, depending on the Build Alternative, of the Metro E (formerly Gold) Line, a Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, from its current terminus at Atlantic Station in the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles to eastern Los Angeles County. See map of Project location in Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Draft EIR evaluated three alternatives as well as the No Project Alternative. After the release of the Draft EIR and receipt of public input, the Metro Board selected the Locally Preferred Alternative or LPA (Alternative 3 Atlantic to Greenwood Initial Operating Segment in the Draft EIR). Pursuant to Metro Board action on December 1, 2022, the Final EIR advances the LPA and Alternative 1 Washington with the Montebello maintenance and storage facility (MSF). Alternative 1 has the longest alignment at approximately 9.0 miles with seven stations (one relocated/reconfigured and six new stations) and an MSF site in the City of Montebello. The alignment would terminate at Lambert station on Lambert Road in the City of Whittier as shown in Figure 1. The LPA is approximately 4.6 miles in length with four stations (one relocated/reconfigured and three new stations) and an MSF site in the City of

Montebello as shown in Figure 1. The LPA has the same guideway alignment as Alternative 1 from the East Los Angeles area eastward, but would terminate at the Greenwood Station on Greenwood Avenue and Washington Boulevard in the City of Montebello.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Recirculated Draft EIR identified impacts associated with all alternatives studied, including the ones advanced to the Final EIR. Mitigation measures for each alternative are also identified where applicable. As described in the Recirculated Draft EIR, some of the build alternatives could result in significant and unavoidable impacts after implementation of proposed mitigation measures for Paleontological Resources.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The Final EIR will be made available for public review on **Friday, April 26, 2024**. The Final EIR, along with other Project information, is available for review and download online at the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority website at metro.net/eastsidephase2. Electronic copies of the document can be made available upon written request to Metro and mailed to recipients for the cost of materials and shipping. Hard copies of the Final EIR (and electronic copies of the supporting technical reports) will also be available for public review at the following repositories. Please check hours of operations at the repositories listed before visiting.

1. Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
2. East Los Angeles Library, 4837 E 3rd Street, East Los Angeles, CA 90022
3. Rosewood Neighborhood Library, 5655 Jillson Street, Commerce, CA 90040
4. Chet Holifield County Library, 1060 S Greenwood Avenue, Montebello, CA 90640
5. Pico Rivera County Library, 9001 Mines Avenue, Pico Rivera, CA 90660
6. Los Nietos County Library, 8511 Duchess Drive, Whittier, CA 90606
7. Whittier Central Library, 7344 Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA 90602
8. Sorensen County Library, 6934 Broadway Avenue, Whittier, CA 90606

PUBLIC HEARING. Please join Metro at the Metro Board Meeting scheduled in the Spring 2024. This Metro Board Meeting will be where key findings on the Final EIR will be presented and offer opportunities for the public to submit oral comments. Other considerations at the Metro Board Meeting may include certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Project.

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scheduled meeting date. Please submit requests by calling (323) 466-3876 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our TDD line is (800) 252-9040. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use California Relay Service 711 + Metro phone number.

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Figure 1. Final EIR Alternatives

