

I-110 Adams Terminus Improvement Project

Public Scoping Meeting 11-6-21



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Thanks for joining us!

Agenda

10:00am	Welcome!
10:05am	Project Presentation
10:35am	Public Comment Session*
11:55am	Next Steps

**We will accommodate as many comments as possible based on the allotted amount of time.*

The Environmental Scoping Process

Scoping Purpose & Your Role

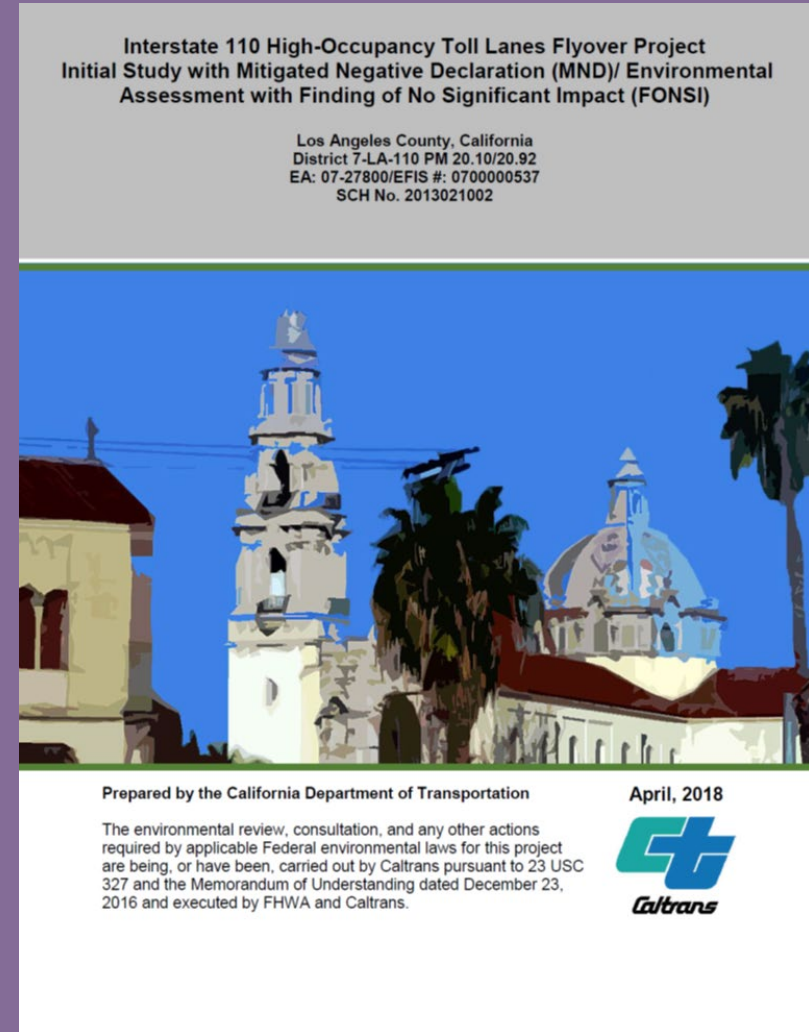
- **Scoping is the first step in the environmental review process**
- **What is scoping?**
 - A process that helps refine the purpose and the scope of the project
 - Determines major issues for environmental analysis
 - Identifies project goals and evaluation criteria
- **What is the public's role?**
 - Help us better understand the project area
 - Provide comments, input and project relevant information
 - Stay involved

The Environmental Scoping Process

- **The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) says:**
 - Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action or project
- **The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) says:**
 - Scoping is designed to examine a proposed project early in the EIR analysis/review process and is intended to identify the range of issues pertinent to the proposed project and feasible alternatives or mitigation measures to avoid potentially significant environmental effects
 - EA/EIR is (or can be) a combined federal and state document

Project Background

- In April 2018, Caltrans released the final environmental document (Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact)
- Preferred alternative in the 2018 environmental document was an elevated flyover off ramp connecting the existing I-110 Adams off-ramp directly to Figueroa Street



Roles and Responsibilities

- Caltrans and Metro are reactivating environmental and engineering studies for this project
- Caltrans is the CEQA/NEPA Lead Agency and is preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)
- Metro is leading community outreach

What is Being Considered

- The No Build Alternative (Alternative 1) also must be evaluated
 - Represents what would happen if no action was taken
 - Provides a comparison point to understand impacts of the proposed build alternatives
- Two Build Alternatives (Alternatives 2 & 3) are currently under preliminary consideration

Note: At this stage, no alternative has been selected and no determination has been made to proceed with improvements or any alternatives.

Build Alternatives Under Consideration

- The EIR/EA will include two build alternatives:
 - An elevated flyover
 - An at-grade arterial alternative traveling east on Adams Blvd. and north on Hill/Olive Streets.

Project Purpose

- The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion on the Adams Blvd. off-ramp, managed HOT lanes (ExpressLanes), and associated nearby intersections.



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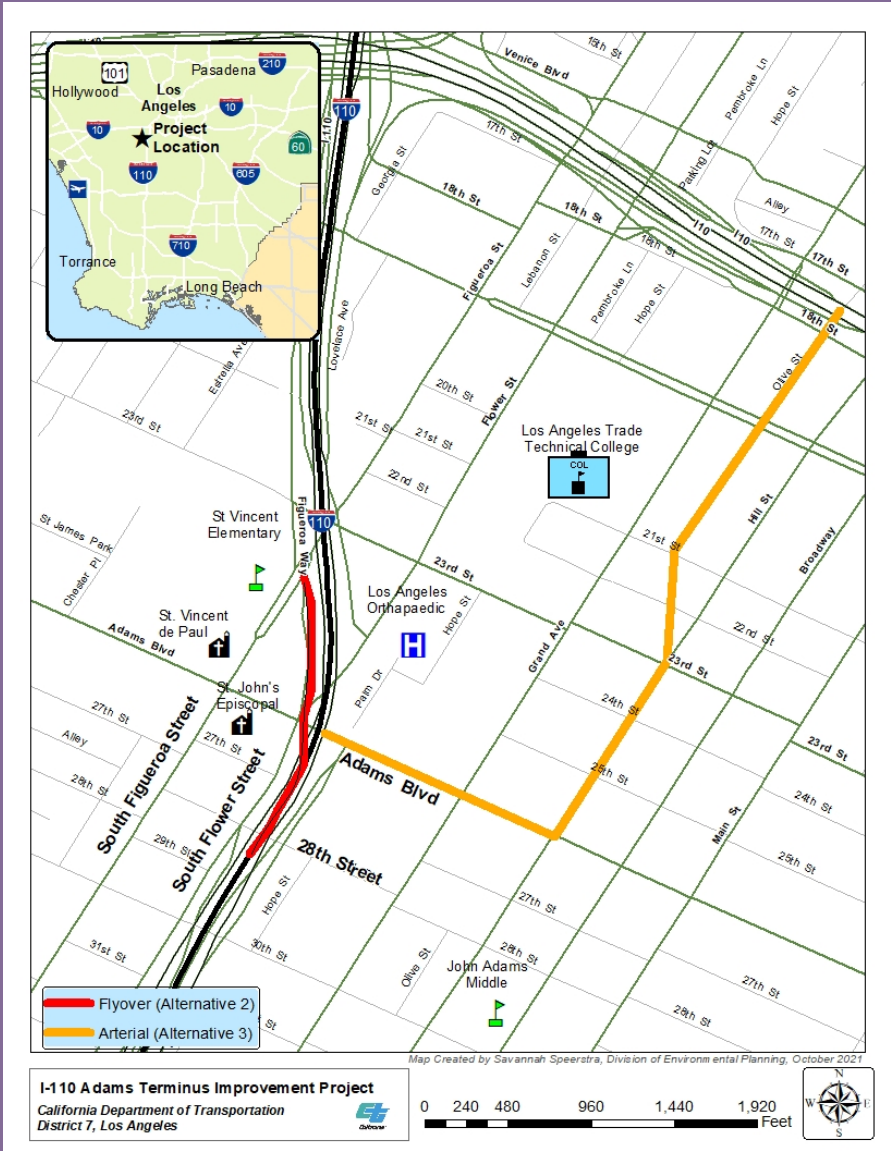
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Project Need

- Congestion due to high vehicle volume and confluence of the I-110 Adams off-ramps (ExpressLanes and General Purpose lanes), Flower Street, Figueroa Way, and the Metro E (Expo) Line
- Higher than average accident rate
- Daily traffic volume is recovering to pre-COVID levels

Project Area



Alternative 2: Flyover Ramp

- An approximately 1400' long flyover ramp
 - Extends from the end of the ExpressLanes, touching down at the Figueroa St/Figueroa Way Intersection
 - Figueroa Way would be closed to vehicular traffic and converted to pedestrian plaza & bike/pedestrian travel
 - Would be constructed on existing Caltrans right of way

Alternative 2: Flyover Ramp Map

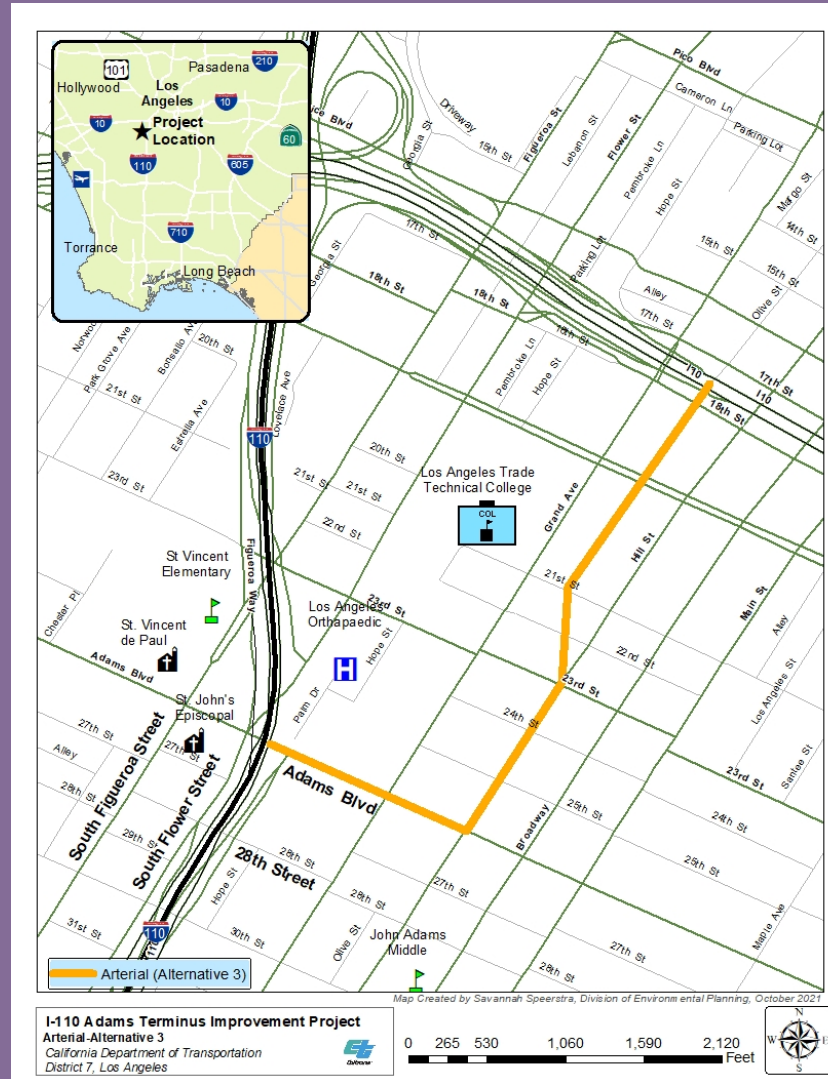


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Alternative 3: Arterial Alternative

- Uses the existing I-110 ExpressLanes off-ramp
 - Continues east (right) onto Adams blvd. until Hill St.
 - Left (north) onto Hill Street and then continuing onto Olive St. until 18th Street
- This alternative assumes only the existing arterial right of way will be used

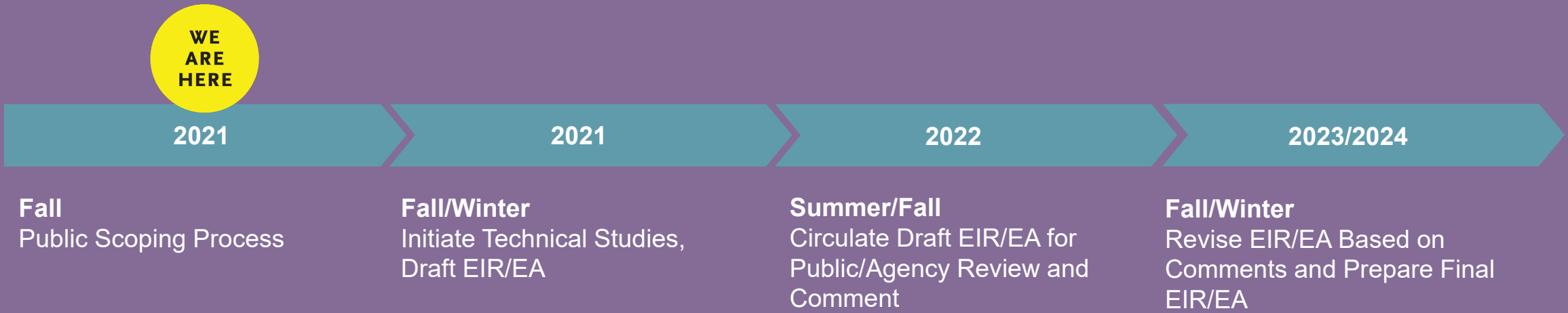
Alternative 3: Arterial Alternative Project Map



Anticipated Environmental Considerations to be Studied

- Air Quality
- Aesthetics/Visual
- Biological Resources
- Community Impact Study
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Analysis
- Environmental Justice/Equity
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Noise
- Right-of-way (ROW)
- Transportation/Traffic
- Utilities/Service Systems

Key Milestones: Environmental Process



ONGOING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Scoping Comment Session

How to Prepare a Public Scoping Comment

- **Public scoping comments should focus on the project's:**
 - Purpose and need
 - Alternatives
 - Environmental issues (*see below*)
 - Local projects
- **Use the following prompts to help frame your public scoping comments:**
 - What I like...
 - What I wish...
 - What I suggest...

Environmental Issues/Topics (partial)

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| ○ Air Quality | ○ Cumulative Impacts | ○ Noise |
| ○ Aesthetics | ○ Environmental Justice/Equity | ○ Right-of-Way |
| ○ Biological Resources | ○ Hazards/Hazardous Materials | ○ Transportation/Traffic |
| ○ Community Impacts Study | ○ Hydrology/Water Quality | ○ Utilities/Service Systems |
| ○ Cultural Resources | | |

How to Prepare a Public Scoping Comment

- **Official Scoping Period (47 days)**
 - Starts: Monday, October 25th
 - Ends: Friday, December 10th
- Public scoping comments will be received at public scoping meetings and via:
 - Mail
 - Email
 - Project hotline

- **Comments can be submitted via the following:**



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Public Scoping Meetings

Sat., November 6, 2021, 10am–12pm

Tues., November 9, 2021, 6–8pm

Thank You

Methods of Commenting



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Attend another scoping meeting on Nov 9th –
learn more at metro.net/110adamsproject

Comments are due by December 10, 2021.

Stay Connected



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