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ExpressLanes Project

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I-10 ExpressLanes Project

Notice of Scoping/Initiation of Studies

This is to advise you that Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, is formally initiating studies for improvements to Interstate 10 (I-10) in Los Angeles County between Valley Boulevard and the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County Line, known as the I-10 ExpressLanes Project.

The purpose of the Project is to provide efficient operation of the High Occupancy Toll (HOT)/ExpressLanes and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool network, improve safety, enhance mobility, and increase regional connectivity along I-10. The Project is needed to reduce degradation of HOV/HOT lanes operation in accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations. This will be accomplished by addressing the gap between Metro's existing I-10 ExpressLanes and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority's (SBCTA) I-10 ExpressLanes facility.

Preliminary environmental resources studies indicate that an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) is the appropriate environmental document. Caltrans will prepare an EIR/EA to evaluate the anticipated environmental effects and recommend measures to mitigate those effects pursuant to CEQA and NEPA.

During the course of the study, Caltrans will work closely with the public to assure that all pertinent factors and viable alternatives are considered. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have concerning possible alternatives or potential social, economic, and environmental impacts as they pertain to the proposed project.

Three virtual scoping meetings will be held to provide you an opportunity to obtain first-hand project information and to express your comments and concerns about the proposed project. The virtual public scoping meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 12pm-2pm
- Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 6pm-8pm
- Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10am-12pm

The link to the virtual public scoping meetings as well as preliminary scoping materials are available at the following website: www.metro.net/i10extension

All comments received will become part of the project record and will provide valuable input to our environmental and design personnel. Scoping comments must be submitted by **Friday, June 10th, 2022.**

Comments can be submitted via regular mail, email, online via comment form, or by phone.

Mail comments to:

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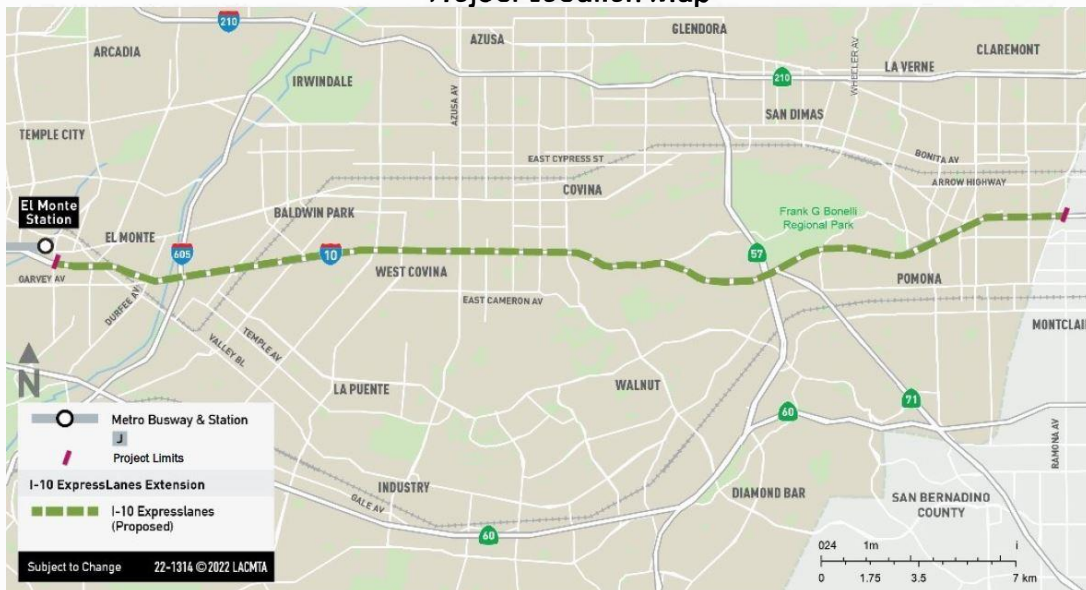
Email comments to: i10extension@metro.net
Submit comments online at: www.metro.net/i10extension
Submit comments by phone at: (213) 922-2110

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Wang, Senior Environmental Planner, at (213) 266-6903, or Robert.Wang@dot.ca.gov. Thank you for your interest in this important transportation study.

Sincerely,

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Project Location Map



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