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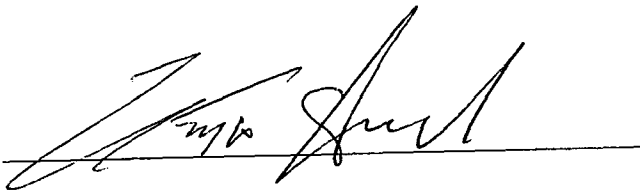
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Dated at Los Angeles, California, this  
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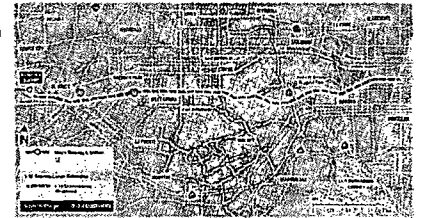
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### Notice of Scoping/Initiation of Studies for the I-10 ExpressLanes Extension Project and Notice of Scoping Meetings

#### WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)/ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) lead agency, is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the I-10 ExpressLanes Extension in Los Angeles County, California.



The project proposes to improve traffic conditions on I-10 starting in the west at approximately I-605 and terminating in the east at the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line, and intends to reduce travel times, encourage carpooling and transit, improve trip reliability, reduce degradation of the carpool and general purpose lanes, increase person throughput, and apply technological strategies to help manage traffic. The alternatives to be studied include, but are not limited to, 1) no build; 2) converting the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to a High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lane, also known as an ExpressLane, 3) adding an additional ExpressLane/HOT lane in each direction and converting the existing HOV lane to an ExpressLane, or 4) maintain the existing HOV lane and add a second HOV lane in each direction. The study area includes the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Baldwin Park, Covina, West Covina, San Dimas, Walnut, Pomona, Claremont, Montclair as well as unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Caltrans is the lead agency under CEQA and NEPA. The EIR/EA, a study required by federal and state statutes, will be prepared and is an assessment of the likely influences that future improvements may have on the environment and communities within and adjacent to the study area. It includes analyses of ways to reduce or avoid possible adverse environmental impacts.

#### WHY THIS NOTICE?

The project team is initiating environmental and engineering studies for this project. Virtual public scoping meetings will be held to inform you about the project, and to give you an opportunity to provide comments or concerns. Your comments will become part of the public record and will be considered in developing the environmental document and defining the project scope. A purpose and need statement for the project, preliminary alternative concepts, an overview of the environmental process, schedule, and other information will be available for viewing.

#### WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and other project materials are available for public review and comment at [www.metro.net/i10extension](http://www.metro.net/i10extension) between **April 25, 2022** and **June 10, 2022**, in conformance with CEQA and NEPA, respectively.

#### WHERE YOU COME IN

Public scoping meetings will be held virtually on **May 4, May 5, and May 7, 2022**. Comments may be submitted during the public scoping period via mail, email, the project website comment form, or the project hotline. Submit comments by mail to the following address: Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director, Caltrans District 7, 100 S. Main Street, MS 16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Submit comments by email to [i10extension@metro.net](mailto:i10extension@metro.net). Submit comments via comment form on the project website at [www.metro.net/i10extension](http://www.metro.net/i10extension). Submit oral comments by calling (213) 922-2110 to leave a voice recording. All comments must be received no later than **June 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** For more information, please visit the project website at [www.metro.net/i10extension](http://www.metro.net/i10extension).

#### WHEN AND WHERE

You are invited to the public scoping meetings about the I-10 ExpressLanes Extension EIR/EA. The purpose of the public scoping meetings is to obtain public feedback on the project's purpose and need as well as on the range of proposed alternatives, and the issues to be studied in the EIR/EA. Virtual public scoping meetings will be held online on **Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12pm to 2pm, Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 8pm, and Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12pm**. The meeting link will be made available on the project website at [www.metro.net/i10extension](http://www.metro.net/i10extension).

#### CONTACT/SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodations (interpretation, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Caltrans District 7: phone (213) 897-3656. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at 1 (800) 735-2929 (TTY to Voice), 1 (800) 735-2922 (Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 855-3000 (Spanish TTY to Voice and Voice to TTY), 1 (800) 855-7200 (Spanish and English Speech-to-Speech), or 711.

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