



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Notice is hereby given that the **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)**, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the “Transportation Communication Network” (Project). The Draft EIR is available for a minimum 45-day public review period. This notice is intended to notify agencies and members of the public that may be interested in the Project as to the availability of the Draft EIR, and the procedures for public review and comment on the Draft EIR.

Project Title: Transportation Communication Network (State Clearinghouse No. 2022040363)

Project Applicant: Metro

Project Location: Los Angeles, CA (Along Various Freeways and Roadways within the City)

Project Description Summary: Metro proposes to implement the Transportation Communication Network (TCN), which would provide a network of TCN Structures that would incorporate intelligent technology components to promote roadway efficiency, improve public safety, increase communication, and provide for outdoor advertising that would be used to fund new and expanded transportation programs consistent with the goals of the Metro Vision 2028 Plan. Implementation of the Project would include the installation of up to 34 Freeway Facing TCN Structures and 22 Non-Freeway Facing TCN Structures, all on Metro-owned property within the City of Los Angeles (City). The total maximum amount of digital signage associated with the TCN Structures would be up to approximately 55,000 square feet. As part of TCN Program, a take-down component would be implemented including the removal of at least 110,000 square feet (2 to 1 square footage take-down ratio) of existing static displays. Signage to be removed would include approximately 200 static displays located within the City. The City would establish a Zoning Ordinance that would provide a mechanism to review and approve the TCN Structures citywide. The Zoning Ordinance would regulate the location, operation, design, take-down program and community benefits of the TCN Structures.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects Anticipated as a Result of the Project: Aesthetics, Historical Resources, and Land Use and Planning impacts related to a subset of the TCN Structures would be significant. Impacts associated with the remaining environmental topics under CEQA would be less than significant, less than significant with mitigation, or result in no impact. The Draft EIR also analyzes three alternatives to the Project.

Availability of Draft EIR: The Draft EIR, including all appendices and documents referenced in the Draft EIR, is available for public review during normal business hours at Metro’s library located at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Draft EIR, including its appendices, can be viewed online at: metro.net/tcn. Electronic copies are also available for review at the Los Angeles Central Library located at 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Additional copies are also available for review at other public libraries, as listed online at metro.net/tcn. For assistance, please contact Shine Ling, Development Review Team at (213) 922-3410 or email at tcn@metro.net.

Public Comments on the Draft EIR: The Draft EIR is available for a minimum 45-day public review period that starts on Friday, September 9, 2022 and **ends at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022**. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be mailed to: One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 22-9, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Attn: Shine Ling, Development Review Team or emailed to tcn@metro.net.

Public Meetings: Virtual public meetings regarding the Draft EIR will be held on October 6, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and October 7, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. To access both meetings please visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88594053516>.

Puede obtener información en Español acerca de esta junta llamando al 213-922-3410.