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Transportation Communication Network

CEQA Scoping Meeting

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- > Respect the format of the meeting and allow everyone an opportunity to comment
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Tonight's Speakers

- > **Ginny Brideau, Manager: Community Relations, LA Metro**
- > **John Potts, Executive Officer: Real Estate, LA Metro**
- > **Ashley Wright, Project Planner: Eyestone Environmental**



Thanks for joining us!

Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Environmental Review Process
- Public Comment
- Closing Remarks



Project Overview

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- > METRO proposes to implement the Transportation Communication Network (TCN) Program, which would provide a network of structures with digital displays (TCN Structures) that would incorporate the following components:
 - Intelligent Technology
 - Roadway Efficiency
 - Features to Promote Public Safety & Communication
 - Revenue Generation for Transportation Projects

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- **Intelligent Technology:** TCN Structures would incorporate Metro's Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems technology
 - TCN Structures would provide real-time information regarding freeway traffic, transit and emergency systems
 - TCN Structures would allow for communication and coordination across various agencies such as LADOT, CHP, Caltrans District 7 and other agencies during emergency events and implementation of roadway improvements
- **Roadway Efficiency:** TCN Structures would provide real time data collection to aid in traffic control, bus transit signal priority, and overall bus/rail passenger experience



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- **Improve Public Safety & Communication:** TCN Structures would broadcast public safety and Metro messaging throughout the TCN to commuters
 - Amber Alerts, Earthquake Early Warning System, Fire Alerts
 - Promotion of Metro and City services to the traveling public
- **Revenue Generation for Transportation Projects**
 - TCN Structures would include outdoor advertising that would create revenue for Metro and the City to fund new and expanded transportation programs consistent with the goals of the Metro Vision 2028 Plan

TCN Project Details

- > TCN would consist of 34 Freeway-Facing structures and 22 Non-Freeway-Facing structures in the City of Los Angeles on Metro-owned property
 - Freeway Facing structures can be viewed from freeways and highways, and Non-Freeway-Facing structures would be viewed from major streets and boulevards
 - All TCN Structures would be located primarily on rail, bus, parking, and equipment storage properties
 - All TCN site locations are zoned industrial, manufacturing, commercial, or public facilities
 - No TCN site location is zoned for residential use
 - All TCN Structures would comply with State and Federal guidelines and regulations

TCN Project Details

> TCN Take-Down Program

- As part of the program existing static signs would be removed
- Signage to be removed would include approximately 200 static displays on Metro-owned property located within the City

> Efficient & Effective Illumination

- Each TCN Structure would have 1 or 2 faces depending upon the location and line of site visibility
- Each Structure would include louvers to shade the LED illumination and minimize light spill-over, reduce sky-glow, and improve night-time visibility through glare reduction
- Illumination of the digital displays would conform to applicable Federal and State Regulations
- Illumination from the TCN Structures would be directed away from residential areas

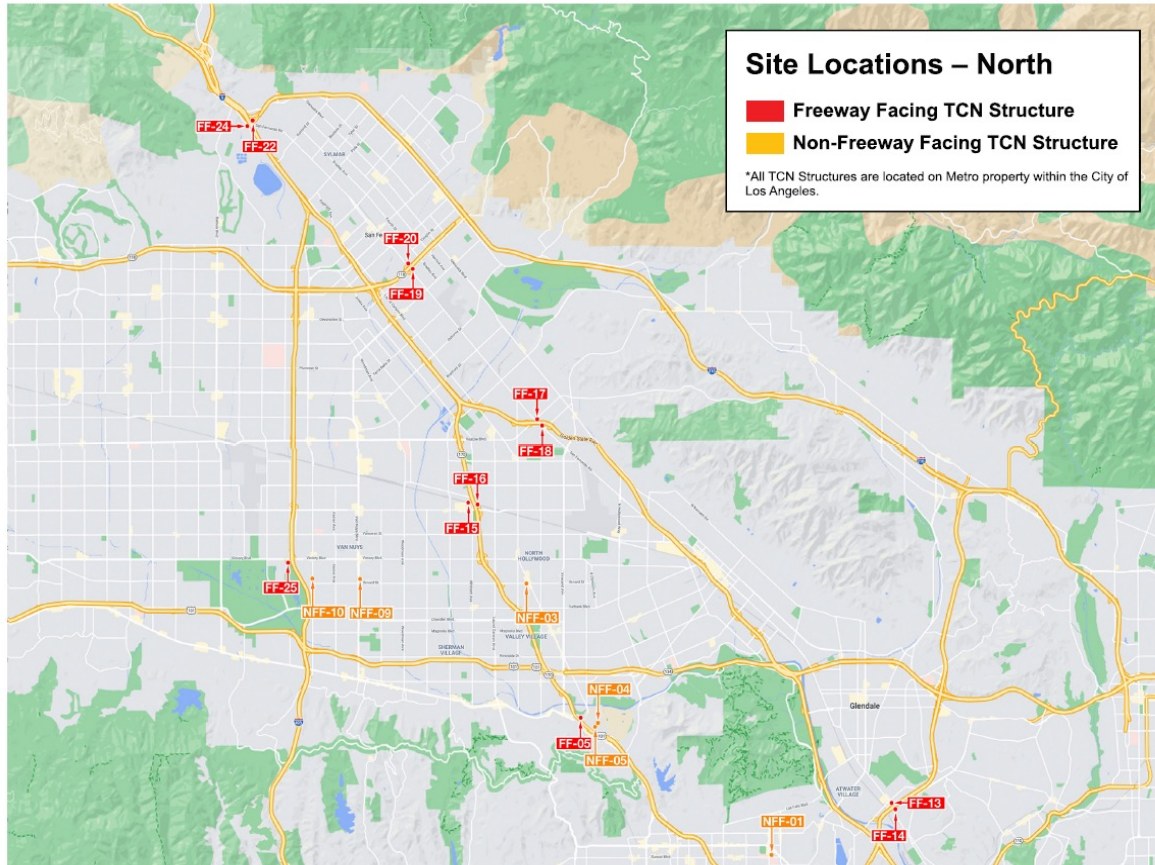


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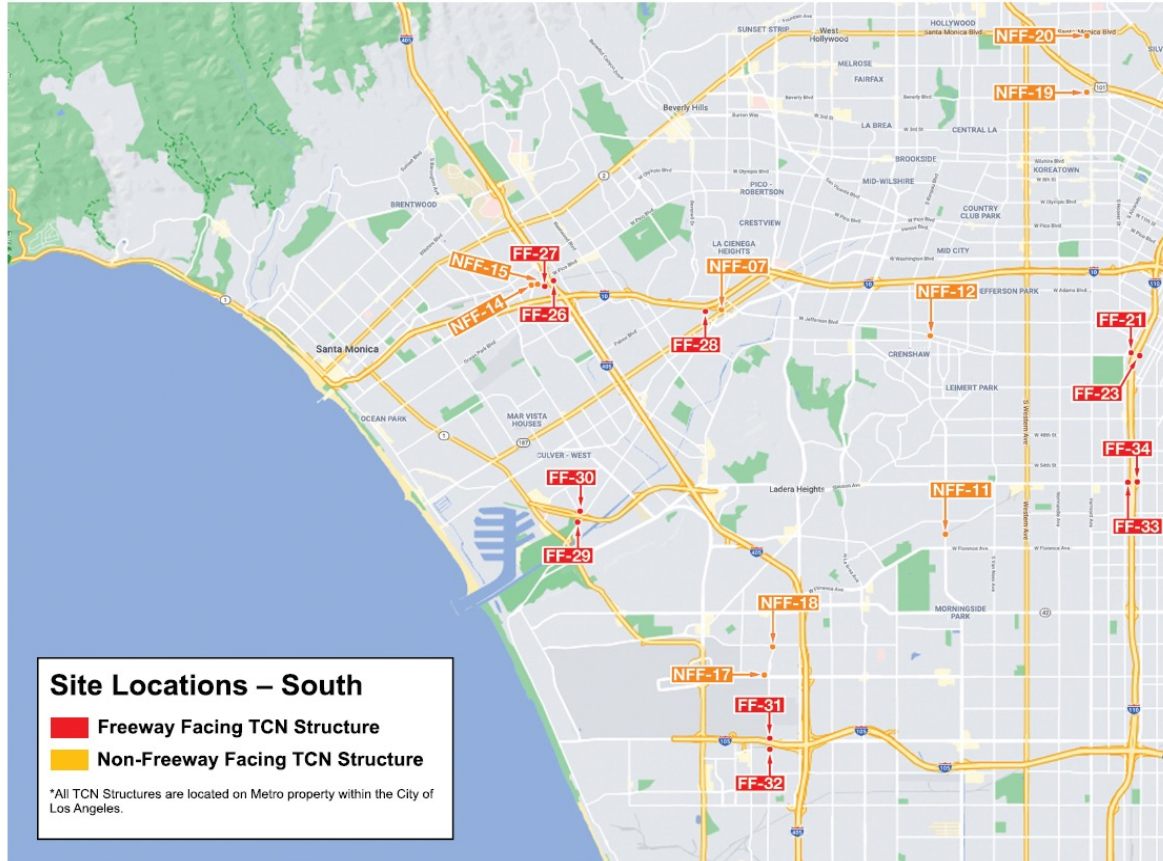
> Anticipated TCN Construction

- Construction would commence with the removal of more than 200 existing static sign faces
- Each TCN is constructed on a 10-foot x 10-foot area and installed in a phased approach with up to 4 signs installed at once
- Installation would require approximately four weeks per TCN Structure
- Overall TCN Project construction is anticipated to commence in 2023 and be completed in 2025

Site Locations



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Environmental Review Process

Purposes of CEQA

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires government agencies to analyze the environmental effects of a project before approving a project. The CEQA process is intended to:

- Inform the public and decision-makers
- Encourage public participation
- Identify mitigation measures or alternatives
- Disclose potentially significant impacts on the environment

Environmental Effects Found to be Less Than Significant Analyzed in the Initial Study

An Initial Study has been prepared that indicated the following environmental topics would result in less than significant impacts to the environment:

- > Agriculture & Forestry Resources
- > Hydrology/Water Quality
- > Mineral Resources
- > Population/Housing
- > Public Services
- > Recreation
- > Utilities and Service Systems (Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Drainage, Natural Gas, and Telecommunications)
- > Wildfire

The Initial Study can be found online at metro.net/tcn.

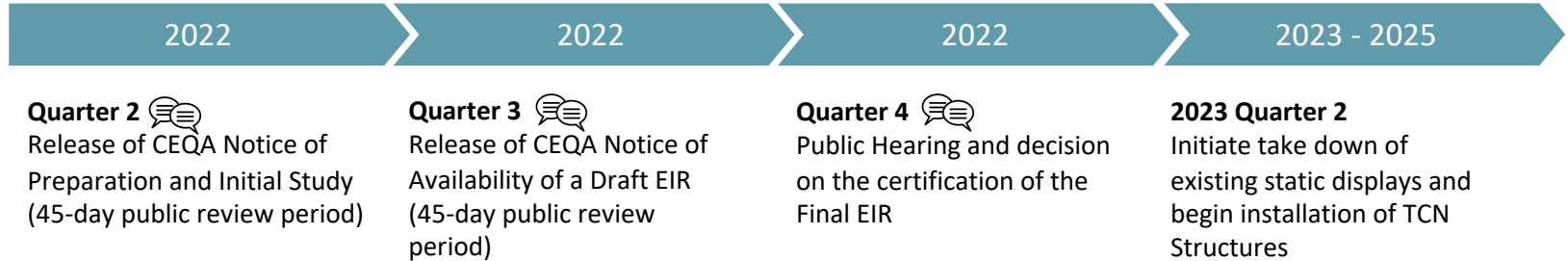


Potential Environmental Effects to be Analyzed

The Initial Study determined the following environmental topics will be further addressed in a Draft EIR to determine if the Project has the potential to result in significant impacts to the environment:

- > Aesthetics
- > Air Quality
- > Biological Resources
- > Cultural and Historic Resources
- > Energy
- > Geology and Soils
- > Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- > Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- > Land Use and Planning
- > Noise
- > Transportation
- > Tribal Cultural Resources
- > Utilities and Service Systems (Electricity)

Project Schedule



INDICATES PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Requested Actions

- > The EIR will analyze environmental impacts associated with the Project and serve as an informational document that will inform public agency decision-makers and the public of the significant environmental effects of the Project, if any. Discretionary entitlements, reviews, permits, and approvals required to implement the Project include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - Adoption of a City of Los Angeles Zoning Ordinance and any other Zoning Code and General and/or Specific Plan amendments to provide for the implementation of the TCN Program
 - Other discretionary and/or ministerial permits and approvals that may be deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, temporary lane closure permits, demolition/removal permits, grading permits, and sign approvals

How to Submit Public Comments

The NOP comment period will end on June 1, 2022. Written and electronic comments are accepted at the address and e-mail address below:



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