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Notice of Public Hearing and Notice Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 405 (I-405) from Wilmington Avenue to Main Street Improvements Project

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, proposes improvements to Interstate 405 (I-405) in the City of Carson, between Wilmington Avenue (postmiles [PM] 9.6) and Main Street (PM 12.6). The purpose of I-405 Wilmington Avenue to Main Street Improvements Project (Project) is to provide improved connectivity and increase multimodal access within the Project corridor and to accommodate the planned economic development within the Project Study Area. The need of the proposed Project is to improve traffic operations and safety for vehicle traffic and to provide additional access and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists at local interchanges throughout the Project corridor.

Three alternatives were carried forward for evaluation. Alternative 1 is the No-Build Alternative. Alternative 2 would construct four auxiliary lanes (two in the northbound direction and two in the southbound direction) and implement Complete Streets elements at the 213th Street Undercrossing and the Wilmington Avenue, Carson Street, Avalon Boulevard, and Main Street intersections. Alternative 3 would not construct auxiliary lanes but would implement Complete Streets elements at the 213th Street Undercrossing and the Wilmington Avenue, Carson Street, Avalon Boulevard, and Main Street intersections. Transportation System Management and Transportation Demand Management elements would be implemented throughout the Project Study Area under Alternatives 2 and 3.

The proposed work involves a site on a list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code pertaining to hazardous waste.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the proposed Project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and carbon monoxide (CO) required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.116 and 93.123. This Project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The Project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.



WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the draft document, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of in-person public hearings/meetings.

Caltrans has studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will not significantly affect the quality of the environment with mitigation incorporated. The results of these studies are summarized in an environmental document known as a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA).

The Draft EIR/EA is available on the Project website <https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-wilmington/>. Printed copies of the draft environmental document are available at the following locations during normal business hours:

Caltrans District 7 Office
100 South Main Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90012

Carson Library
151 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

LA Metro Headquarters
1 Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles CA, 90012

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Two in-person public hearings 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. Spanish and Tagalog language translation services will be available at the public hearings:

August 20 and 25, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Carson Event Center
801 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

We invite you to comment on the draft environmental document by sending an email to wilmington@metro.net or submitting a comment through the Project website <https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-wilmington/>. You may also submit a comment via postal mail to:

California Department of Transportation, District 7
Division of Environmental Planning
Attn: Rocky Rojas, Environmental Scientist
100 South Main Street, MS 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

All comments received will become part of the Project record and will provide valuable input to our environmental and design personnel. All comments must be postmarked by **September 21, 2026**.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact Rocky Rojas, Environmental Scientist of the Division of Environmental Planning, at (213) 266-3772, or rocky.rojas@dot.ca.gov.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

Individuals who require special accommodation (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact Caltrans District 7, Rocky Rojas at (213) 266-3772 at least 7 days prior to the scheduled public hearings.

TDD users may contact the California Relay Service 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), 1-800-854-7784 (Spanish and English Speech-to-Speech) or 711.

Thank you for your interest!