



# CITY OF INGLEWOOD

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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Inglewood (City or Inglewood) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project). The Draft EIR is being distributed for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Inglewood is the Lead Agency for the ITC Project.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Inglewood Transit Connector Project

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.:** 2018071034

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project) is a 1.6-mile, three-station, fully elevated, electrically powered light-rail transit system, including, among other things, an Automated People Mover (APM) mass-transit line, proposed by the City to close the last-mile gap and connect passengers between the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line and Downtown Inglewood to major event and activity centers, including the Forum, the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District (which includes SoFi Stadium) and the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center. The ITC Project also includes a maintenance storage facility (MSF) for maintaining APM trains, two traction power substations (TPSSs) for providing power to the APM system, and surface parking facilities at the Market Street/Florence Avenue station, the MSF, and at 150 Market Street located along the proposed alignment. Three stations are proposed: (1) The Market Street/Florence Avenue station generally located between Market Street and Locust Street; (2) The Prairie Avenue/Pincay Drive station generally located at the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Pincay Drive; and (3) The Prairie Avenue/Hardy Street station located just north of the intersection of Prairie Avenue and Hardy Street. The proposed Project is planned to operate from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM during the week and on weekends, with the possibility of extending operation hours as needed during special events.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed Project is located entirely in the central portion of the City, east of the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and north of the Glen Anderson Freeway (I-105) in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed alignment for the Project would be primarily located within the public right of way along Market Street, Manchester Boulevard, and Prairie Avenue, with limited encroachments on adjacent private property (See **Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map**).

**Environmental Topics Evaluated/Potentially Significant Impacts:** The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts that would be generated by the ITC Project in relation to the following environmental topics: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biology Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Land Use, Noise and Vibration, Population, Employment, and Housing, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities. Less than significant impacts are identified for the following topics: Energy, Greenhouse Gas, Land Use, Population, Employment, and Housing, and Transportation. Potentially significant impacts are identified related to the following topics: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biology Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Noise and Vibration, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities. Measures are identified to mitigate

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all potentially significant impacts to less than significant with the exception of Aesthetic, Air Quality, and Cultural Resources impacts.

**Alternatives Evaluated:** (1) No Project, (2) Bus Rapid Transit System, (3) Market Street Pedestrian Promenade, (4) 4th Station Alternative, and (5) the Prairie Avenue Single Station Alternative.

A portion of the Project Site, the MSF site located at 500 Manchester Boulevard, is included on the following list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code: Historical Cortese list. The sites in this list are designated by the State Water Resource Control board [i.e. LUST sites], the Integrated WasteBoard [i.e., active, closed and inactive landfills, SWF/LF], and the Department of Toxic Substances Control [i.e. sites contain potential or confirmed hazardous substance release, CALSITES]. This listing is no longer updated by the state.

### **Public Hearing**

A Public Meeting will be held to collect public comments and provide project information. Please see below for instructions on how to join the meeting.

- **Date:** January 13, 2021
- **Time:** 6:00PM to 7:00PM
- **Zoom Meeting Weblink:**  
<https://trifiletticonsulting.zoom.us/j/95505434992?pwd=UnpreDhPZDF1TUE3dGRiWEITZExszd09>
  - **Meeting ID:** 955 0543 4992      **Passcode:** 572677
- **Join By Phone:**
  - **Number:** 1(669)900-9128 **Code:** 95505434992# US (San Jose)
  - **Number:** 1(253)215-8782 **Code:** 95505434992# US (Tacoma)

**Public Comment Period:** The Draft EIR and its technical appendices are available for the public review and comment period required under Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines from December 23, 2020 through February 8, 2021. Written comments on the Draft EIR and technical appendices must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 8, 2021.**

The Draft EIR and technical appendices are available for review at the City of Inglewood website at:

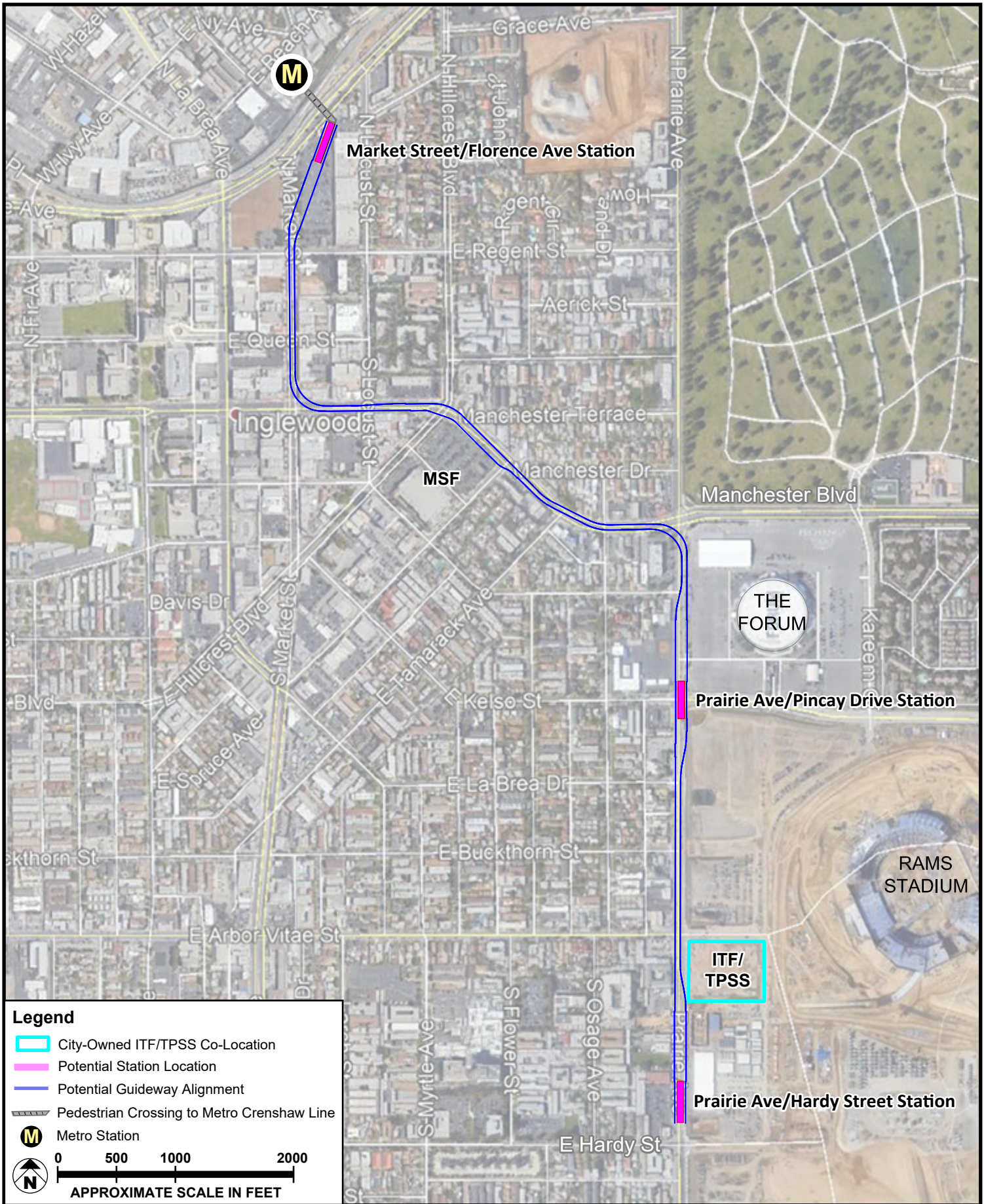
<https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1016/Environmental-Documents>

Submit written comments to:

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You may also send comments via email to:

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SOURCE: Google Earth - 2020; Meridian Consultants LLC - 2020

FIGURE 1