

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2014041019**

**Project Title:** Avalon Boulevard, Fries Avenue, and "A" Street Roadway Segments Closure Project

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 City: Los Angeles Zip: 90731 County: Los Angeles County

**Project Location:** County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Los Angeles  
 Cross Streets: Fries Avenue & Harry Bridges Boulevard Zip Code: 90744

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 46 ' 02.45 " N / 118 ° 15 ' 50.58 " W Total Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: Pacific Ocean

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: Union Pacific Railroad Schools: George De La Torre Jr. Elementary

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type Roadway segments closure  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_ **Governor's Office of Planning & Research**  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD **OCT 31 2019**  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

General Plan Designation: Public Facilities (PF)

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

See attachment.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date October 31, 2019 Ending Date December 2, 2019

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## **Project Description**

The City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (LAHD) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to address potential environmental effects associated with the closure proposed permanent roadway segment closures along Fries Avenue, Avalon Boulevard, and "A" Street, as well as all associated construction activities (proposed Project). Under the proposed Project, LAHD (Applicant) would close a 1,337-foot segment of Fries Avenue between "A" Street and Water Street at the Union Pacific railroad tracks; a 920-foot segment of Avalon Boulevard between Harry Bridges Boulevard and Water Street at the Union Pacific railroad tracks; and a 280-foot segment of "A" Street between Avalon Boulevard and the driveway located to the west of Avalon Boulevard. In total, the proposed Project would result in approximately 2,537 linear feet of roadways closures. The proposed Project would be executed in three phases, with Phase II and Phase III occurring simultaneously.

**Phase I.** As an immediate first step, the subject roadway segments would be closed to vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access with chain link fencing, k-rails (i.e., modular concrete or plastic barriers). Signage and striping would also be installed to effectively close access to the vacated portions of Fries Avenue and Avalon Boulevard and re-route traffic accordingly. The roadway segments, while not in use, would remain in place until the construction of long-term physical roadway improvements to permanently close vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian access. A gate would be installed on the north side of the rail line along Fries Avenue over 13 feet from the existing rail and 26 feet from new rail (near "A" Street), thereby meeting American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) standards. This gate would provide continued access to the Port Archives Building, as well as emergency vehicle access along Fries Avenue. A southerly gate would also be installed for infrequent and/or for emergency purposes only. The Project would also provide additional crossing protection, including signing and striping, crossing arms, and lights, at an existing at-grade crossing at the private road into the Wallenius Wilhemsen Logistics Auto Terminal.

**Phase II.** Cul-de-sacs would be constructed on the north and south side of the railroad crossings to close off the roadway segments. This would also include the construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, fencing and two driveways along Fries Avenue. Additional minor grading and paving would be required to join existing conditions at each location. Installation of signage, re-striping, and relocation and/or replacement of existing ancillary structures would be required to support the proposed road segment closures. In particular, a portion of the fencing along the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power property line would be removed and replaced in kind. Two power poles, one streetlight, and one fire hydrant on Avalon Boulevard would also require removal and replacement to support the proposed road segment closures. Additionally, one mature tree on north Fries Avenue and one large Palm tree immediately north of the existing tracks would require removal to construct the closure.

**Phase III.** Additional intersection improvements would include the provision of dual left turn lanes in the westbound direction the Harry Bridges Boulevard and North Access Road intersection. Dual right turn lanes would also be provided in the southbound direction of the Viaduct and North Access Road intersection. Following the proposed roadway segment closures along Fries Avenue, Avalon Boulevard, and "A" Street, all vehicle traffic as well as bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the vacated streets would be re-routed to the recently completed South Wilmington Grade Separation, located to the west of Fries Avenue.