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RE: Crenshaw / LAX Northern Extension Transit
Corridor Project – Notice of Preparation
(NOP)
SCH# 2021040368
GTS# 07-LA-2021-03555
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Dear Roger Martin:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The Crenshaw Northern Extension is a proposed northern extension of the Metro Crenshaw/Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) light rail transit (LRT) line, currently under construction, from the Metro E Line (Expo) to the Metro D Line (Purple) and B Line (Red) heavy rail lines with an optional terminus station at the Hollywood Bowl.

Caltrans encourages projects of this nature that create high quality transportation alternatives for local and inter-regional trips. State-level policy goals related to sustainable transportation seek to reduce the number of trips made by driving, reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG), and encourage alternative modes of travel. Caltrans' Strategic Management Plan has set targets of tripling trips made by bicycle and doubling trips made by walking and public transit, as well as achieving a reduction in statewide, per capita, vehicle miles traveled (VMT). Similar goals are embedded in the California Transportation Plan 2040, Draft California Transportation Plan 2050, and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Connect SoCal (2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy). Statewide legislation such as AB 32 and SB 375, as well as Executive Order S-3-05 and N-19-19, echo the need to pursue more sustainable development. Projects, like the one proposed, can help California meet these goals.

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The nearest State facilities to the proposed project are I-10 and SR 2. After reviewing the NOP, Caltrans does not expect project approval to result in a direct adverse impact to the existing State transportation facilities. However, Caltrans still looks forward to reviewing the forthcoming Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for additional project analysis of the proposed route alternatives.

If you have any questions, please contact project coordinator Anthony Higgins, at anthony.higgins@dot.ca.gov and refer to GTS# 07-LA-2021-03555.

Sincerely,

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