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Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Impact Report

K Line Northern Extension

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), serving as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the K Line Northern Extension (KNE) Transit Corridor Project (project). The Draft EIR evaluates the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the project and provides mitigation measures where required. This notice is being provided to announce availability and solicit input on the Draft EIR.

PROJECT LOCATION: KNE is located within the Central Los Angeles region of Los Angeles County and within the Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood. See map of project location in Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project would extend the Metro K Line (formerly the Crenshaw/LAX Line) north from the Metro E Line (Expo) to the D Line (Purple) and B Line (Red) Lines, with a terminus at the Hollywood/Highland Station as shown in Figure 1. The project includes the evaluation of the following three KNE underground alignments, as directed by the Metro Board of Directors (Metro Board):

- San Vicente–Fairfax Alignment
- Fairfax Alignment
- La Brea Alignment

This Draft EIR also analyzes the Hollywood Bowl Design Option, which would extend any of the three alignments farther north to an alternate terminus at the Hollywood Bowl. KNE would be constructed from south to north in two or three sections depending on the selected alignment.

To facilitate operations of the project, KNE includes an expansion of Metro’s Division 16 Maintenance Yard, which is located near the intersection of Aviation Boulevard and Arbor Vitae Street in the City of Los Angeles, along the southern segment of the existing K Line in the vicinity of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

For the purposes of CEQA, a Draft EIR must identify a proposed project. The Fairfax Alignment is the proposed project in the Draft EIR because it is the alignment that has been historically studied and advanced over time, dating back to the 1983 Los Angeles Rail Rapid Transit Project. This term does not, however, convey any preference or recommendation as to the alignment or design option, and all alignments are evaluated equally in the Draft EIR. Metro staff will prepare a recommendation for the Metro Board to consider in regard to selection of a Locally Preferred Alternative based on findings from the Draft EIR, public comments made during the comment period, technical analysis, stakeholder input, and other factors such as project objectives, cost, and ridership. The Metro Board will vote at a public meeting to select a Locally Preferred Alternative.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Draft EIR has been prepared by Metro, as CEQA lead agency, to analyze the potential environmental effects of the project and to identify mitigation measures

that would avoid, minimize, or mitigate for potential adverse effects during construction and operations. Potential areas of impact include aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, communities, population and housing, cultural and paleontological resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, growth inducing impacts, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise and vibration, public services and recreation, transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and cumulative impacts.

After implementation of applicable mitigation measures, the project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to cultural and paleontological resources during construction for all three alignments. The design option to the Hollywood Bowl would have significant and unavoidable impacts to paleontological resources during construction. There are no significant and unavoidable impacts during operations for all three alignments, the design option, and the MSF.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The Draft EIR is being made available for public review for a 30-day comment period, commencing on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, and concluding on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The Draft EIR, along with other project information, is available for review and download online at the Metro website at www.metro.net/kne/.

Hard copies of the Draft EIR can be made available upon written request to Metro and mailed to recipients for the cost of materials and shipping. In addition, hard copies of the Draft EIR (and electronic copies of the supporting technical reports) will be available for public review at the following repositories. Please check hours of operations at the repositories listed before visiting.

1. Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
2. Baldwin Hills Branch Library, 2906 S La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90016
3. Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library, 2205 W Florence Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043
4. Angeles Mesa Branch Library, 2700 W 52nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043
5. View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library, 2854 W 54th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90043
6. Washington Irving Branch Library, 4117 W Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
7. Jefferson – Vassie D. Wright Memorial Branch Library, 2211 W Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90018
8. Fairfax Branch Library, 161 S Gardner Street, Los Angeles, CA 90036
9. Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, 7140 W Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046
10. Frances Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Branch, 1623 Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028
11. West Hollywood Library, 625 N San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069
12. Russian Language Public Library, 7362 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046
13. Margaret Herrick Library, 333 S La Cienega Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90211
14. Inglewood Public Library, 101 W Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, CA 90301

PUBLIC HEARINGS. Metro is conducting three public hearings (two in-person and at one virtual) to present key findings on the Draft EIR and offer opportunities for the public to submit oral comments. A court reporter will be present at each hearing. Note that comments and questions will not receive a response during the hearings but will be addressed within the Final EIR. Each in-person public hearing will include a 30-minute open house at the beginning where the public can review project boards and speak

with the project team, followed by a short presentation, then public comment. The virtual hearing will include a presentation of the same material, followed by public comment.

DETAILS	HEARING 1	HEARING 2	HEARING 3
Date	Saturday, August 10, 2024	Tuesday, August 13, 2024	Thursday, August 15, 2024
Time	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Location	Susan Miller Dorsey Senior High 3537 Farmdale Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90016	Pan Pacific Park Recreation Center 7600 Beverly Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90036	Virtual https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87336933668 (213)338-8477

All three public hearings will offer Spanish interpretation; Russian interpretation will be provided at the hearings on August 13 and 15. A video recording of the virtual meeting will be made available on the project website at the conclusion of the meeting series.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS: Upon request, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats, and other accommodations are available to the public for Metro-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations, interpretation services, and materials in other languages must be made at least three working days (72 hours) prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please submit requests by calling (323) 466-3876 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) line is (800) 252-9040. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use California Relay Service 711 + Metro phone number.

COMMENT SUBMITTAL. Please submit comments on the Draft EIR in writing to the address or email address below or by phone. All comments concerning the Draft EIR must be received by **Thursday, August 22, 2024.**

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All comments received during the Draft EIR public review period will be compiled and responded to as part of the Final EIR. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or how to review available documents, please contact Roger Martin at the mailing address above.

Figure 1. K Line Northern Extension Project Alignments

