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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES RIVER BIKEWAY AND GREENWAY PROJECT - VANALDEN AVENUE TO BALBOA BOULEVARD

– State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) - Pending Assignment by OPR –

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING: The proposed Project is located along the LA River extending from Vanalden Avenue to Balboa Boulevard and travels adjacent to nearby communities of Reseda, Lake Balboa, and Encino in the City of Los Angeles (Council Districts 3, 5, and 6). It would be located on the south side of the LA River from Vanalden Avenue to White Oak Avenue and on the north side of the river from White Oak Avenue to Balboa Boulevard. Throughout the project area, the LA River is surrounded primarily by medium- and low residential communities in addition to open space and recreational areas, including the Reseda Park and Recreation Center, Sepulveda Basin Recreation area, Lake Balboa/Anthony C. Beilenson Park, Balboa Sports Center, and Balboa Golf Course.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project is a 2.9-mile bikeway and greenway facilities project located along the LA River in the West San Fernando Valley of the City of Los Angeles. The proposed Project includes the installation of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, construction of undercrossings and river parks, and on-street improvements to increase access to the LA River Bikeway in this area. The purpose of the proposed Project is to provide recreational opportunities and bicyclist connectivity in the Encino-Tarzana Community Planning Area. The proposed Project would connect the existing LA River Bikeway and close existing bikeway gaps along the LA River. The proposed Project would connect to the active transportation network throughout the region and provide new pedestrian and bicycle access and connectivity to transit, residential homes, schools, jobs, parks, and other community-serving amenities for the surrounding communities. Construction of the proposed Project is anticipated to begin in the Fall 2022 and last for approximately three years.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a thirty (30) day public review period, beginning on October 7, 2021 and ending on November 6, 2021.

A copy of the document may be obtained at the Bureau of Engineering website at: <https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/la-river-valley-bikeway-and-greenway> or by contacting Chris Adams of the Bureau of Engineering at christopher.adams@lacity.org or (213) 485-5910.

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2021 by emailing to christopher.adams@lacity.org (please include “Los Angeles River Bikeway and Greenway Project Comments” in the subject line), or physical mailing/hand delivery to: Chris Adams, City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600 Los Angeles, CA 90015.

