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## NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**DATE:** June 21, 2022  
**TO:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties  
**SUBJECT:** Notice of Completion and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
**PROJECT TITLE:** Metro G Line Stormwater Infiltration and Quality Project

Notice is hereby given that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has completed the Draft Initial Study (IS) for the Metro G Line (MGL) Stormwater Infiltration and Quality Project. The Draft IS describes the project and evaluates the potential environmental effects of the project. LACMTA is the lead agency in the preparation of the Draft IS in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Los Angeles County Flood Control District and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power are Responsible Agencies as they have discretionary approval power over the project, via funding. The purpose of this notice is to notify agencies, organizations, and individuals of the completion of the Draft IS and solicit comments. Based upon the conclusions of the IS, LACMTA finds that the project, with its included mitigation measures, would not have the potential to result in any significant impacts on the environment. As a result, LACMTA intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Metro G Line Stormwater Infiltration and Quality Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project is within the Upper Los Angeles River (ULAR) Watershed, within Los Angeles County. The proposed project traverses the MGL through the City of Los Angeles as shown in the project location figure attached to this document.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project aims to divert stormwater runoff from existing regional storm drains and surface flows to a network of underground pretreatment and infiltration facilities across approximately seven stormwater BMP clusters within Metro-owned parking lots and right-of-way adjacent to the active busway along the MGL. The proposed project would add a largely subsurface beneficial use without disrupting primary transportation functions. The proposed BMP clusters have the potential to include active diversion structures (pump stations) or gravity-driven diversion structures. Currently six of the BMP clusters (MGL-1, -2, -3, -4, -5 and -7) propose pump stations where stormwater runoff is diverted and pumped from the storm drain to the infiltration BMPs. The maximum diversion rates range between 10 and 32 cubic feet per second to match the maximum capacity of each infiltration BMP cluster. When the maximum capacity of each infiltration BMP cluster is reached, the pump station would turn off, allowing stormwater to continue flowing in the storm drain. If a hazardous material spill were to occur upstream, the pump station would be shut down to prevent diverting the spill into the infiltration BMPs.

As the proposed project progresses to the final design stages, gravity-driven diversions may be used, rather than pump stations, pending further hydraulic gradient analysis. The maximum diversion rate and average inflow of the diversion structure would remain unchanged, and an equivalent shutoff feature would also be included to prevent potential spills from entering the infiltration BMPs. MGL-6 includes a gravity-based diversion of stormwater runoff from surface street gutters along Woodman Ave. Additionally, efficiencies may be discovered during final design, reducing the number of BMP clusters needed, with the resulting stormwater capture remaining unchanged.

A detailed description of each of the seven proposed project locations is provided below.

### Proposed Project Sites

#### MGL-1 – Kester Ave.

Project site MGL-1 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-1 may include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary

filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or a single infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be constructed underneath the MGL right-of-way, extending to approximately 500 feet west of Kester Ave. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Kester Ave. (Storm Drain ID: BI0108). The approximate drainage area to MGL-1 is 308 acres.

#### **MGL-2 – Cedros Ave.**

Project site MGL-2 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-2 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be within the MGL right-of-way, extending to approximately 800 feet west of Cedros Ave. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Cedros Ave. (Storm Drain ID: Cedros Ave. Drain). The approximate drainage area to MGL-2 is 683 acres.

#### **MGL-3 – Van Nuys Ave.**

Project site MGL-3 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-3 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be underneath the existing Metro-owned parking lot east of Van Nuys Blvd. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Van Nuys Ave. (Storm Drain ID: BI0056). The approximate drainage area to MGL-3 is 197 acres.

#### **MGL-4 – Hazeltine Ave.**

Project site MGL-4 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-4 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be underneath the existing Metro-owned parking lot west of Hazeltine Ave. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Hazeltine Ave. (Storm Drain ID: BI9203). The approximate drainage area to MGL-4 is 579 acres.

#### **MGL-5 – Ranchito Ave.**

Project site MGL-5 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-5 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be within the MGL right-of-way, extending to approximately 300 feet east of Ranchito Ave. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-

weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Ranchito Ave. (Storm Drain ID: BI0466). The approximate drainage area to MGL-5 is 193 acres.

**MGL-6 – Woodman Ave.**

Project site MGL-6 consists of an underground stormwater infiltration facility and pretreatment facility. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-6 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific pretreatment and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. All proposed project elements would be within the MGL right-of-way, extending to approximately 200 feet east of Woodman Ave. The proposed project site would connect to the existing catch basins along both the east and west sides of the Woodman Ave./G Line Busway intersection. The proposed project site would intercept and capture surface stormwater and dry-weather runoff from approximately 67 acres of drainage area.

**MGL-7 – Fulton Ave.**

Project site MGL-7 consists of a diversion facility, pretreatment facility, and underground stormwater infiltration facility. The diversion facility can be either a gravity-based diversion structure or a pump station. Potentially suitable pretreatment facilities at MGL-7 include hydrodynamic separators, trash nets, underground sedimentation basins, and proprietary filtration devices. The underground stormwater infiltration facility may be designed as either an array of nested drywells or an infiltration gallery with equivalent infiltration capacity. The specific diversion, pretreatment, and infiltration facilities will be determined during the progressive design-build stage. The majority of the proposed project elements would be within the MGL right-of-way, extending to approximately 400 feet southeast and northwest of the Fulton Ave./G Line Busway intersection. A small proportion of the conveyance pipes would be underneath the public right-of-way. The proposed project site would connect to and divert stormwater and dry-weather runoff from the existing storm drain parallel to Fulton Ave. (Storm Drain ID: BI9204). The approximate drainage area to MGL-7 is 292 acres.

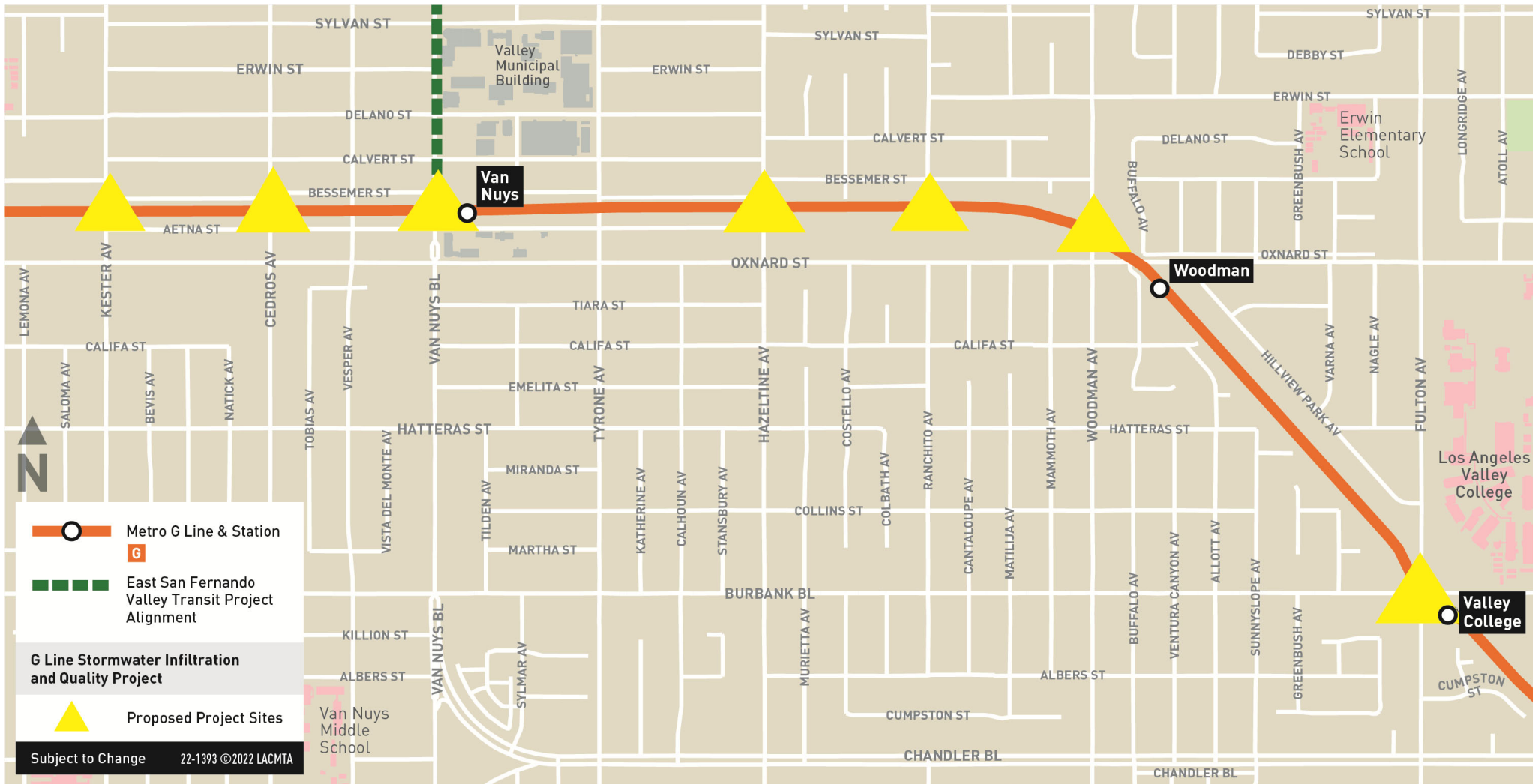
**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** Due to COVID-19 protocols, the project documents are available on LACMTA's website [www.metro.net/orangeline](http://www.metro.net/orangeline). Hard copies will be made available upon request.

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** LACMTA will accept written comments on the Draft IS between June 21, 2022, and July 20, 2022. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

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Your comments may also be sent by email to [levittm@metro.net](mailto:levittm@metro.net)

# Proposed Project Location



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