

# Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Clean Transit Advancement Campus Project

July 14, 2022



**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Clean Transit Advancement Campus project (proposed project). Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, MTS has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). This Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the MND is being distributed to agencies that have permit authority over the proposed project, property owners, interested groups, and organizations in accordance with the CEQA. Notice is also hereby given that a Draft MND and Initial Study for the proposed project is available for public review during the 30-day public comment period.

**Lead Agency:** San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)

**Responsible Agency:** San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)

**Proposed Project Title:** Clean Transit Advancement Campus

**Proposed Project Location:** North of Federal Boulevard and west of 47<sup>th</sup> Street (near the I-805/SR 94 interchange) in the City of San Diego.

**Assessor's Parcel No.:** 541-611-04-00, 541-611-27-00; 541-611-31-00; 541-611-34-00; and 541-611-35-00.

## **Proposed Project Description:**

MTS and SANDAG propose to construct the Clean Transit Advancement Campus, a new bus maintenance and charging facility for electric buses, near the intersection of Federal Boulevard and 47<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of San Diego. The proposed project site is located north of Federal Boulevard and west of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and divided in two portions that are separated by a driveway/access road to a distribution center. The smaller portion of the project site occurs on the eastern side and is proposed for employee parking and an administration/operation building, and the larger portion occurs on the western side and is proposed for bus parking/charging, maintenance bays, bus washes, and an operations building. Access to the project is proposed to be located at up to four driveways along the Federal Boulevard project frontage. A new traffic signal would be installed at the western-most site driveway. A portion of the proposed project site is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The existing nine buildings on site would be demolished and a new bus division facility would be constructed. The existing buildings consist of a variety of one- to two-story structures, some of which are occupied by industrial uses. The proposed new bus division would entail the construction of a new bus maintenance facility building, charging facilities, bus wash facilities, equipment lift facilities, storage facilities, bus parking facilities, administration and operations office buildings, employee parking, lighting improvements, security and camera improvements, stormwater improvements, utility relocations, and landscaping and irrigation improvements. The facility would operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

SANDAG would plan, design, and construct the proposed project, and MTS will own and operate the proposed project. The proposed project will be designed consistent with MTS standards for its transit facilities. It is anticipated that MTS will act first with respect to the proposed project.

The Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, MTS staff has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has therefore prepared a Draft MND. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of MTS, as the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**Public Review:** The public review period for the Draft Initial Study/MND begins **July 14, 2022** and ends **August 15, 2022**. The Draft MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

SANDAG  
401 B Street  
Suite 800  
San Diego, CA 92101

MTS  
1255 Imperial Avenue  
Suite 900  
San Diego, CA 92101

Valencia Park/Malcom X Library  
5148 Market Street  
San Diego, CA 92114

The Draft Initial Study/MND can also be reviewed electronically on CEQAnet and on MTS' project website (<https://www.sdmts.com/inside-mts/current-projects/clean-transit-advancement-campus-formally-division-6>)

Comments are due no later than 5:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time on Monday, August 15, 2022. Comments should be provided in writing via the CTAC webpage ([sdmts.com/CTAC](https://www.sdmts.com/CTAC)), emailed to [CTACProject@sdmts.com](mailto:CTACProject@sdmts.com) or mailed to:

MTS  
ATTN: CTAC Project Comments  
1255 Imperial Avenue  
Suite 900  
San Diego, CA 92101

If MTS, as the lead agency, finds that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the MND. This means that MTS, as the lead agency, may proceed to consider the proposed project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.