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In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15089, the City of Los Angeles, the Lead Agency, must prepare a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) before approving a project. The purpose of a Final EIR is to provide an opportunity for the lead agency to respond to comments made by the public and agencies regarding The Bloc Draft EIR. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15132, this Final EIR includes a list of persons, organizations, and agencies that provided comments on the Draft EIR and responses to comments received regarding the Draft EIR. In addition, the Final EIR includes a Mitigation Monitoring Program.

This Final EIR constitutes the second part of the EIR for the Project and is intended to be a companion to the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR for the Project, which circulated for public review and comment from March 28, 2024, through May 13, 2024, constitutes the first part of the EIR and is incorporated by reference and bound separately.

1. Organization of the Final EIR

This Final EIR is organized into four main sections as follows:

Section I. Introduction—This section provides an introduction to the Final EIR.

Section II. Responses to Comments—This section presents a matrix of the parties that commented on the Draft EIR and the issues that they raised. This matrix is followed by verbatim numbered copies of the comments followed by numbered responses to each of the written comments made regarding the Draft EIR. Copies of the full original comment letters are provided in Appendix FEIR-1 of this Final EIR.

Section III. Revisions, Clarifications, and Corrections—This section provides a list of revisions that have been made to the Draft EIR for the Project based on comments received from the public and agencies and other items requiring revisions.

As demonstrated in this Final EIR, the comments submitted on the Draft EIR do not constitute significant new information as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, and there is no basis for recirculation of the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR is comprehensive and has been prepared in accordance with CEQA.

Section IV. Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP)—This section provides the full MMP for the Project. The MMP lists project design features and mitigation measures by environmental topic and identifies for each of the features and measures the applicable enforcement agency, monitoring agency, monitoring phase, monitoring frequency, and action indicating compliance.

This Final EIR also includes the following appendix:

Appendix FEIR-1: Draft EIR Comment Letters

2. Public Review Process

In accordance with CEQA, the environmental review process for the Project commenced with solicitation of comments from identified responsible and trustee agencies, as well as interested parties on the scope of the Draft EIR, through a Notice of Preparation (NOP) process. The City prepared an Initial Study and circulated an NOP for public comment to the State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning and Research (OPR), responsible agencies, and other interested parties on December 16, 2022, for a 30-day review period. The Initial Study, NOP, and NOP comment letters are included in Appendix A of the Draft EIR.

Consistent with the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15087 and 15105, the Draft EIR was submitted to the State Clearinghouse, OPR, and was circulated for public review for 46-days commencing on March 28, 2024, and concluding on May 13, 2024. The Draft EIR was also made available for review on the City’s website, at the Department of City Planning, and at three public libraries. Following the Draft EIR public comment period, this Final EIR has been prepared and includes responses to the comments raised regarding the Draft EIR.