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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ALAMEDA STREET WIDENING FROM ANAHEIM STREET TO HARRY BRIDGES BOULEVARD PROJECT

-- 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.

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for the proposed Alameda Street Widening from Anaheim Street to Harry Bridges Boulevard Project (proposed Project or Project). BOE is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The BOE proposes to widen and improve Alameda Street from two to three lanes in each direction (northbound and southbound) from Anaheim Street to Harry Bridges Boulevard in the community of Wilmington within the City of Los Angeles. The total length of the Project is approximately 5,400 feet, or 1.02 miles. The proposed Project would also include a center turn lane, painted median, shared bike/pedestrian path along the eastern side of the street, traffic signal installations and modifications, upgrades to railroad crossings, drainage improvements, and would upgrade Alameda Street to a Modified Major Highway Class II Street. Project objectives include, providing congestion relief, improving goods movement and mobility by train and truck, minimizing roadway flooding, and enhancing mobility for pedestrians and cyclists. The Port of Los Angeles (POLA) has delegated the design and construction of the Alameda Street widening improvements to BOE, which is identified as mitigation for the POLA Berth 200 Rail Yard expansion project. The proposed improvements would aid in the movement of goods both via trains and trucks to and from the POLA and Port of Long Beach. Although separate from the POLA Berth 200 Rail Yard expansion project, the proposed Project would fulfill a required component and mitigation for the POLA project by improving traffic congestion, goods movement by train and truck, localized flooding, and public safety. Construction for the proposed Project is preliminary scheduled to begin December 30, 2023 and last for approximately 2.5 to 3 years.



PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed Project would be located in the community of Wilmington within the southern portion of the City of Los Angeles in Los Angeles County. The existing area is an approximately 1.02-mile segment of Alameda Street with an existing variable 70- to 100-foot right-of-way and two lanes in each direction. At the northernmost portion of the Project limits where Alameda Street intersects Anaheim Street, there is a sidewalk that runs on the east side of Alameda Street, terminates just south of the Alameda Street driveway into the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Union Local 13 Dispatch Hall, then reconvenes, still on the east side of Alameda Street, just north of where George De La Torre Jr Avenue (formerly known as Eubank Avenue) intersects Alameda Street, and continues for the remainder of the Project limits. The area is a developed urban setting surrounded by light and heavy industrial uses. At this location, Alameda Street is utilized for local traffic, as well as trips to and from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, which are approximately 4 miles and 4.5 miles south of the Project, respectively.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on April 12, 2023 and conclude on May 14, 2023. The IS/MND is available for review on the BOE website at <https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/alameda-street-widening>. Copies of the IS/MND are available for review at the following location:

- City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

A copy of the document may also be obtained by contacting Cherry Villanueva of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5754, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website at: <https://eng.lacity.org/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/alameda-street-widening>.

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2023 by mailing, emailing (please include “**Alameda Street Widening Comments**” in the subject line) to:

Cherry Villanueva, Environmental Specialist II
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015
Email: cherry.villanueva@lacity.org

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

A virtual public meeting will be held during the IS/MND public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the environmental document. This virtual meeting will be held via Zoom on **April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Additional details are provided below.

Topic: Alameda Street Widening from Anaheim Street to Harry Bridges Project
Time: Apr 27, 2023 6pm PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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