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Interested in the Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck
Replacement Project

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Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck
Replacement Project

Notice of Scoping Comment Period Extension

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has extended the public scoping comment period for an additional 14 days until Friday, May 26, 2023 for the Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) Deck Replacement Project. The comment period began April 13, 2023 and two public meetings have been held. An in-person meeting was held April 27, 2023 at the East Wilmington Greenbelt Community Center and a virtual public meeting was held May 4, 2023.

The public meeting presentation and other project details are available for review at the following virtual meeting room link: virtualeventroom.com/caltrans/vtb/

The project proposes to replace the entire bridge deck, seismic sensors, the median concrete barriers, and the bridge railing of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The proposed project alternatives contain different construction closure staging options that limit both operational impacts to the Port of Los Angeles and meet construction completion deadlines required in the funding of the project.

The purpose of this project is to preserve the structural integrity of the Vincent Thomas Bridge structure, restore safe driving conditions, and improve overall safety features. The bridge deck is rapidly deteriorating due to concrete fatigue caused by heavy truck traffic. The existing median and side barriers will need to be replaced, as they do not meet the requirement of the new Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH). If this condition is not addressed, it would affect the structural integrity of the bridge and the safety of the traveling public.

Preliminary environmental resource studies indicate that an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) is the appropriate environmental document. Caltrans will prepare an EIR/EA to evaluate the anticipated environmental effects and recommend measures to mitigate those effects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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During the project, Caltrans will work closely with the public to assure that all pertinent factors and viable alternatives are considered. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have concerning possible alternatives or potential social, economic, and environmental impacts as they pertain to the proposed project.

You may view project details at the Virtual Meeting Room at virtualeventroom.com/caltrans/vtb/ or scan the QR code below:



All comments received will become part of the project record and will provide valuable input to our environmental and design personnel. Scoping comments must be submitted by **May 26, 2023**. Comments can be submitted via regular mail and email.

Mail comments to:

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Email comments to: caltransvtb@virtualeventroom.net

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Roach, Division of Environmental Planning, at (213) 310 - 2653. Thank you for your interest in this important project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

1. Notice of Preparation (NOP)