



City of Montebello

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Date: June 26, 2023
To: Agencies, Organizations, and interested Parties
Subject: Notice of Completion and Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration
Project Title: Garfield Avenue Bus Turnout Project

Notice is hereby given that the City of Montebello (City) has completed the Draft Initial Study (IS) for the Garfield Avenue Bus Turnout Project. The Draft IS describes the project and evaluates the potential environmental effects of the project. The City is the lead agency in the preparation of the Draft IS in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). 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, the City finds that the project, with its included standard measures and best management practices (BMPs), would not have the potential to result in any significant impacts on the environment. As a result, the City intends to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the Garfield Avenue Bus Turnout Project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is at the intersection of Via Campo and Garfield Avenue within the City of Montebello (City), Los Angeles County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City is proposing improvements along Via Campo and Garfield Avenue between State Route (SR-) 60 and Via San Clemente in the City of Montebello, California. Garfield Avenue currently features a bus stop within the outside southbound lane between Via Campo and Via San Clemente. This configuration introduces conflict between the buses servicing the bus stop and other vehicular traffic on both Garfield Avenue and Via Campo. The City proposes to separate the existing bus stop pad just south of the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Via Campo from the Garfield Avenue southbound lanes by constructing a bus turnout lane. The bus turnout lane would allow a bus to come to a stop clear of the through traffic lanes. This eliminates the safety hazard caused by queued vehicles stranded behind the stopped bus, which could extend to, and potentially block, the intersection due to its proximity. The elimination of obstructions to passing vehicles on Garfield Avenue increases the safety for the traveling public.

To facilitate the turning radius, a dedicated right-turn lane is proposed on eastbound Via Campo at the Garfield Avenue intersection. A raised median is proposed on Garfield Avenue between Via Campo and Via San Clemente to provide clear delineation between northbound and southbound lanes. Finally, to enhance operations and improve safety of movements at the Via San Clemente and Garfield Avenue intersection based on future traffic volume projections, a dedicated right-turn lane is proposed on southbound Garfield Avenue approaching Via San Clemente. To facilitate these improvements, new roadway pavement, overlay and slurry, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps, sidewalks, and a parkway would be constructed along with modifications to conflicting utilities, storm drain systems, and traffic signals at the Via Campo/Garfield Avenue

and Garfield Avenue/Via San Clemente intersections. The parkway would include a 4-foot-wide path along the eastern side of Garfield Avenue, bordering the eastern edge of the sidewalk.

The project area, which includes the limits of disturbance (i.e., the overall area that is needed, temporarily and permanently, for construction of the Project), consists of the portion of Garfield Avenue from the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Via Campo south to the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Via San Clemente. The width required to construct the bus turnout lane and the right-turn lanes in the westbound lane of Via Campo and southbound lane of Garfield Avenue is greater than the currently available City right-of-way (ROW). Additional ROW from adjacent properties would be acquired to accommodate the project improvements.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The project documents are available on the City's website:

https://cityofmontebello.hosted2.civiclive.com/departments/planning_community_development/planning_division/ceqa_document

Hard copies will be made available upon request.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: The City will accept written comments on the Draft IS between June 26, 2023 and July 25, 2023. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

The City of Montebello

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Contact: Rita Montalvo, PE, Assistant Public Works Director

Your comments may also be sent by email to:

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