

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Responsible, Trustee and Federal
Agencies

From: California Dept. of Transportation
District 7 Environmental Planning
100 South Main Street (MS16A)
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**
Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Project Title: SR-110 Bridge Replacement & Railing Upgrade Project

Project Location: The SR-110 Postmiles (25.34/30.1) in the City of Los Angeles and South Pasadena within Los Angeles County.

Project Description: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing improvements on SR-110 Postmiles (25.34/30.1) in the City of Los Angeles and South Pasadena within Los Angeles County. The Project consists of 2 alternatives, one “No Build” Alternative and one “Build Alternative” that will replace N110-N5 Connector Sidehill Viaduct (Bridge No. 53-2225G) and upgrade the bridge railing of Avenue 43 Ramp Bridge (Bridge #53-0985S) and Arroyo Seco Channel Bridge (Bridge #53-0276).

This is to inform you that Caltrans will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

The purpose of this notice is : (1) to serve as the Notice of Preparation to potential Responsible Agencies, agencies involved in funding or approving the Project, and Trustee Agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the Project pursuant to Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines; and (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of an EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and related issues, from interested parties other than those noted above, including interested or affected members of the public. Caltrans requests that any potential Responsible or Trustee Agency responding to this notice do so in a manner consistent with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 (b).

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A more detailed project description, location map, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

A copy of the EIR is not attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please direct your response to Kelly Ewing-Toledo, Deputy District Director, Division of Environmental Planning, California Department of Transportation, District 7, 100 South Main Street, MS 16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via e-mail at SR110BridgeComments@dot.ca.gov

Date: 12/1/23

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Project Description

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The scope of work for the Build Alternative is as follows:

N110-N5 Connector Sidehill Viaduct Postmile 25.34 (Bridge No. 53-2225G):

- Remove the existing viaduct and sidewalk and replacing with a retaining wall
- Widen right shoulder from 2 feet to 10 feet.
- Remove the existing entire bridge structure and construct a retaining wall to support shoulder widening and concrete barrier railing Type 836.
- Upgrade three overhead sign structures and three overhead sign panels.
- Upgrade crash cushions and install channelizers at the gore area.
- Upgrade four highway safety lighting.
- Upgrade roadway signs along the connector.
- Install rumble strips at the edge of connector’s right shoulder.
- Upgrade/replace 65-LF MGS (Midwest Guardrail System) on N110 before the N110-N5 connector.

Ave 43 Offramp Postmile 27.08 (Bridge No. 53-0985S):

- Replace bridge railing on N110 at Ave 43 Ramp Bridge.
- Bridge railings will be replaced with Concrete Barrier (Type 85 Mod)
- Existing overhang will be removed and reconstructed to accommodate new barrier reinforcement, as well as additional transverse deck bars required at post locations.

Arroyo Seco Channel Bridge Postmile 30.1 (Bridge No. 53-0276):

- Replace bridge railing on N110 and S110 at Arroyo Seco Channel Bridge.
- The existing 6’-2” curb and railing will be removed and reconstruct portion of the deck to accommodate new barrier reinforcement, as transverse deck bars required at post locations.

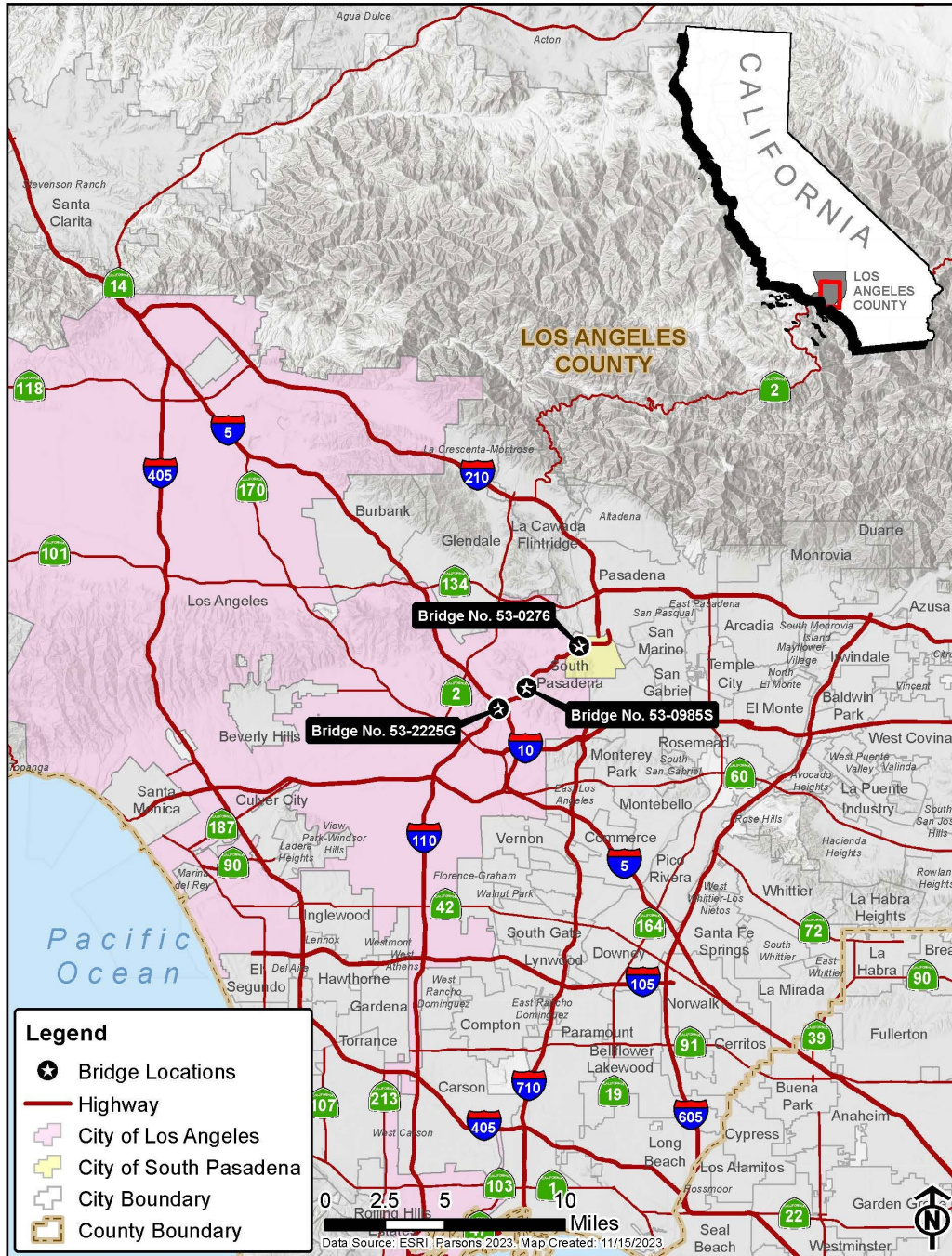
Right of way impacts are not anticipated, but a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) to construct the retaining wall may be necessary.

Potential Environmental Impacts

Various environmental resources are known to exist within the limits of the study area. These potential impacts include but are not limited to: cultural resources due to impacts to the Arroyo Seco Parkway Historic District, aesthetics, biological resources, Section 4(f), hazardous materials, utilities/service systems, hydrology/water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and construction impacts. Avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures will be developed in order to reduce any potential impacts.

SR-110 Bridge Rail Upgrade/Replacement Project

PROJECT LOCATION MAPS



SR-110 Bridge Replacement & Railing Upgrade Project

