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RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE I-405 FROM WILMINGTON AVENUE TO MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT DATED SEPTEMBER 06, 2024, STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024090192](#)

Dear Karl Price,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the I-405 from Wilmington Avenue to Main Street Improvements Project (Project). The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, proposes to improve freeway operations and safety along both directions of Interstate 405 (I-405) from Wilmington Avenue (Postmile [PM] 9.6) to Main Street (PM 12.6) in the City of Carson, Los Angeles County, California. The Project proposes to add auxiliary lanes between on- and off-ramps between PM 9.6 and 12.6 to improve weaving, merging, and diverging operations and/or the implementation of Transportation System Management and Transportation Demand Management elements. The proposed Project would

provide improvements to facilitate an integrated approach for all modes of transportation to enhance mobility, accessibility, and connectivity in a Complete Streets environment for all communities along the existing corridor. After reviewing the project, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. There are several areas of which DTSC has regulatory oversight over that are within the proposed project site, whether they are listed as having documented contamination, land use restrictions, are subject to a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, or the potential for the project site to be included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Therefore, DTSC recommends further coordination with the Department in the event that the proposed project may impact any of the areas that may fall under DTSC's oversight. Please review the project area in [EnviroStor](#); DTSC's public-facing database and coordinate with the Department if any suspected decisions may impact these areas of which DTSC oversees; specifically:
 - a. The [Victoria Golf Course \(Former BKK Carson Dump\)](#) site located between S. Main Street and E. Del Amo Street may encounter hazardous substances (as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Section 101(14) and 40 CFR 300.5) from the former BKK Carson Dump, which was generally bounded by E. 192nd St, South Main St., E Del Amo Blvd and Avalon Blvd. Consultation with DTSC and a thorough environmental assessment are recommended for any subsurface work planned for the area.
 - b. The project area west of I-405 between E. Del Amo Boulevard and the Torrance Lateral may encounter hazardous substances (as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Section 101(14) and 40 CFR 300.5) and landfill gas from the former [Cal Compact Landfill](#). The project area may also affect existing monitoring and remedial infrastructure associated with the Cal

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Compact Landfill. Consultation with DTSC and a thorough environmental assessment are recommended for any subsurface work planned for the area.”

Please refer to the [City of Carson](#) for additional information about the areas of potential contamination. If further concerns or impacts surface in light of the any forthcoming environmental documents, DTSC reserves the right to provide additional and applicable comments at that time.

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the NOP of a DEIR for the I-405 from Wilmington Avenue to Main Street Improvements Project Thank you for your assistance in protecting California’s people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like clarification on DTSC’s comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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