

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
County Clerk  
County of Los Angeles  
12400 Imperial Highway  
Norwalk CA, 90650

**From:** The Los Angeles County Metropolitan  
Transportation Authority  
1 Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles CA 90012

**Project Title:** First/Last Mile Project

**Project Applicant:** The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Project Location - Specific:**

The First/Last Mile (FLM) improvements are intended to increase and enhance access to transit along five street segments: Hoxie Avenue, Del Amo Boulevard, Avalon Boulevard, Flower Street, and Pico Boulevard.

- Hoxie Avenue: This segment of the Project proposes improvements along Hoxie Avenue from Firestone Boulevard and Foster Road within the City of Norwalk.
- Del Amo Boulevard: This segment of the Project proposes improvements along Del Amo Boulevard from Wilmington Avenue to Susana Road within the City of Carson.
- Avalon Boulevard: This segment of the Project proposes improvements along Avalon Boulevard from University Drive to Del Amo Boulevard within the City of Carson.
- Flower Street: This segment of the Project proposes improvements along Flower Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Venice Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.
- Pico Boulevard: This segment of the Project proposes improvements along Pico Boulevard from Figueroa Street to Grand Avenue within the City of Los Angeles.

**Project Location - City:** Los Angeles, Carson, Norwalk **Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), working in partnership with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), proposes first-/last-mile improvements along various segments within the Los Angeles County street network. The purpose of the Project is to improve active transportation connections to transit, continuing Metro's commitment to expanding options for multimodal transportation and improving the entire customer experience by creating safer pathways for vulnerable users.

Improved pedestrian and cyclist connections to transit are expected to lead to an increase in ridership and promote multimodal transportation use. The Project aligns with established FTA policy that encourages investment in multimodal transportation options and promotes equitable access to public transit. To enhance transit connectivity and fill gaps in the active transportation network, the Project involves four miles of FLM infrastructure. Improvements as proposed by the Project include green pavement markings in bikeways, separated bikeways, bicycle lanes, accessibility improvements, and pedestrian improvements.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Exempt Status: (check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: California Public Resources Code (PRC) § 21080.25(b)(1) and 21080.25(b)(2)

**Reasons why Project is exempt:**

Statutory exemptions are projects specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature as delineated in PRC § 21080 et seq. Senate Bill 922, approved by the State on September 30, 2022, includes several amendments to PRC § 21080.20 and PRC § 21080.25 relating to environmental quality. The Project qualifies for exemption described in PRC § 21080.25, as explained below.

PRC § 21080.25(b) – The Project will implement pedestrian and bicycle improvements with the purpose of improving safety, access, and mobility for residents and visitors utilizing active transportation modes. Improved pedestrian and cyclist connections to transit are expected to lead to an increase in ridership and promote multimodal transportation use. The Project will implement Class II and Class IV bikeways with green pavement markings, accessibility improvements, and pedestrian improvements such as crosswalk upgrades, pedestrian/bicycle signals, dedicated pedestrian pathways, shade trees, landscaping, refuge islands, and curb extensions. Construction and implementation of the Project would be located entirely within existing roadway right-of-way.

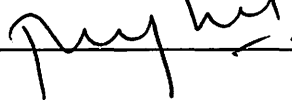
**Lead Agency**

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**If filed by applicant:**

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the Project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 12/5/2024 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency    Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Figure 2d. Pico and Flower Project Segment

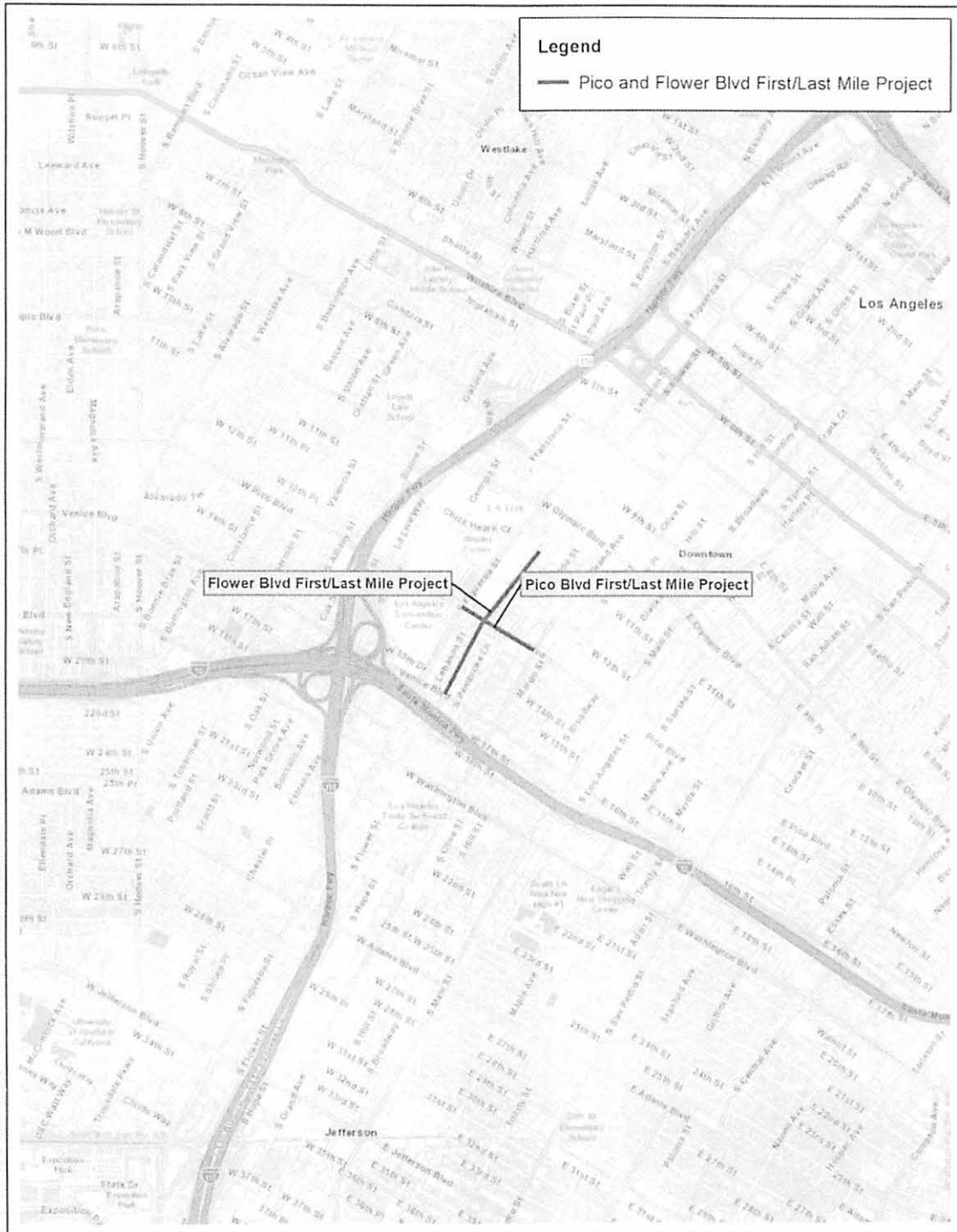


Figure 2d  
Local Vicinity  
Pico and Flower Blvd First/Last Mile Project

Figure 2c. Avalon Boulevard Project Segment

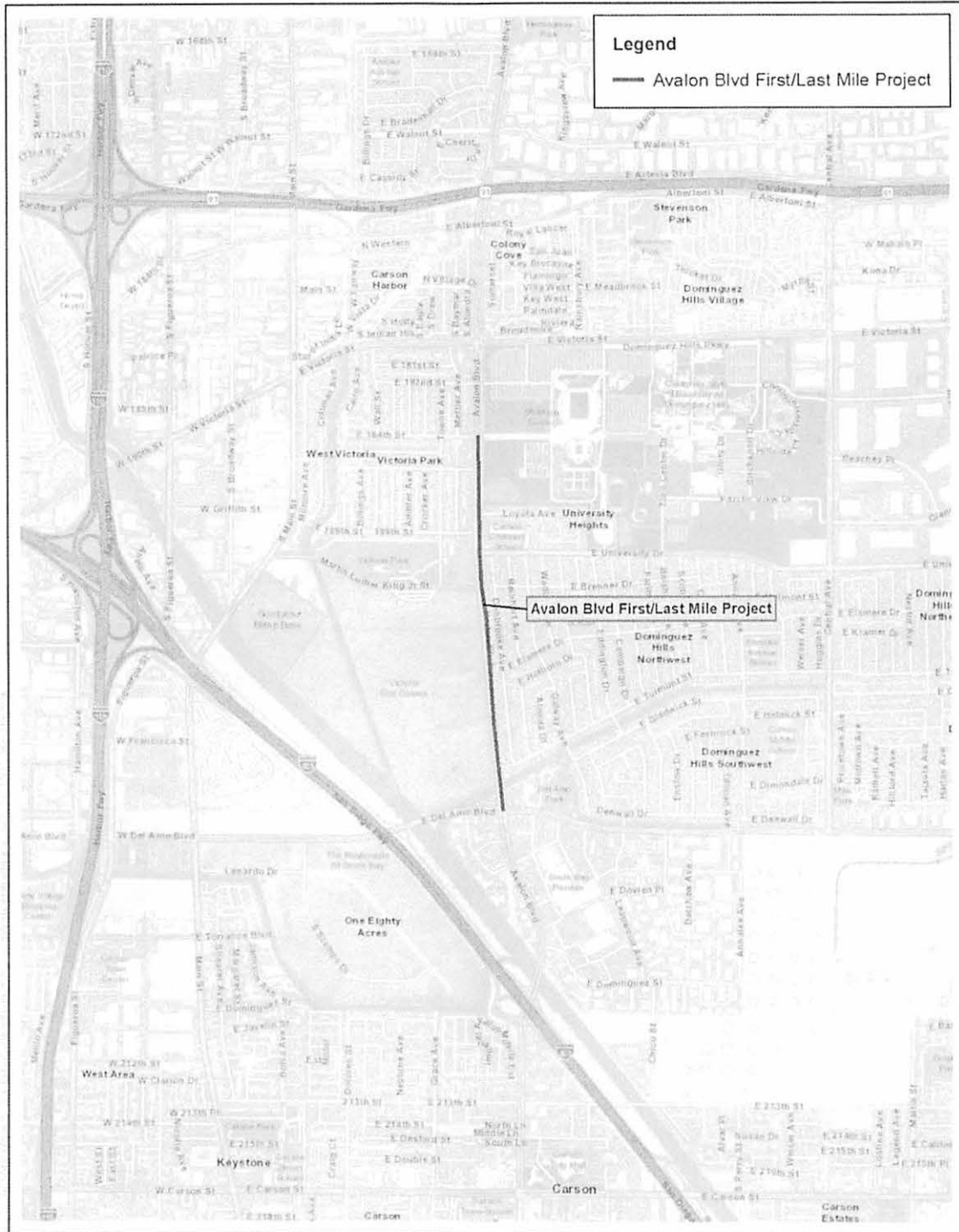


Figure 2c  
Local Vicinity  
Avalon Blvd First/Last Mile Project

Figure 2b. Del Amo Boulevard Project Segment

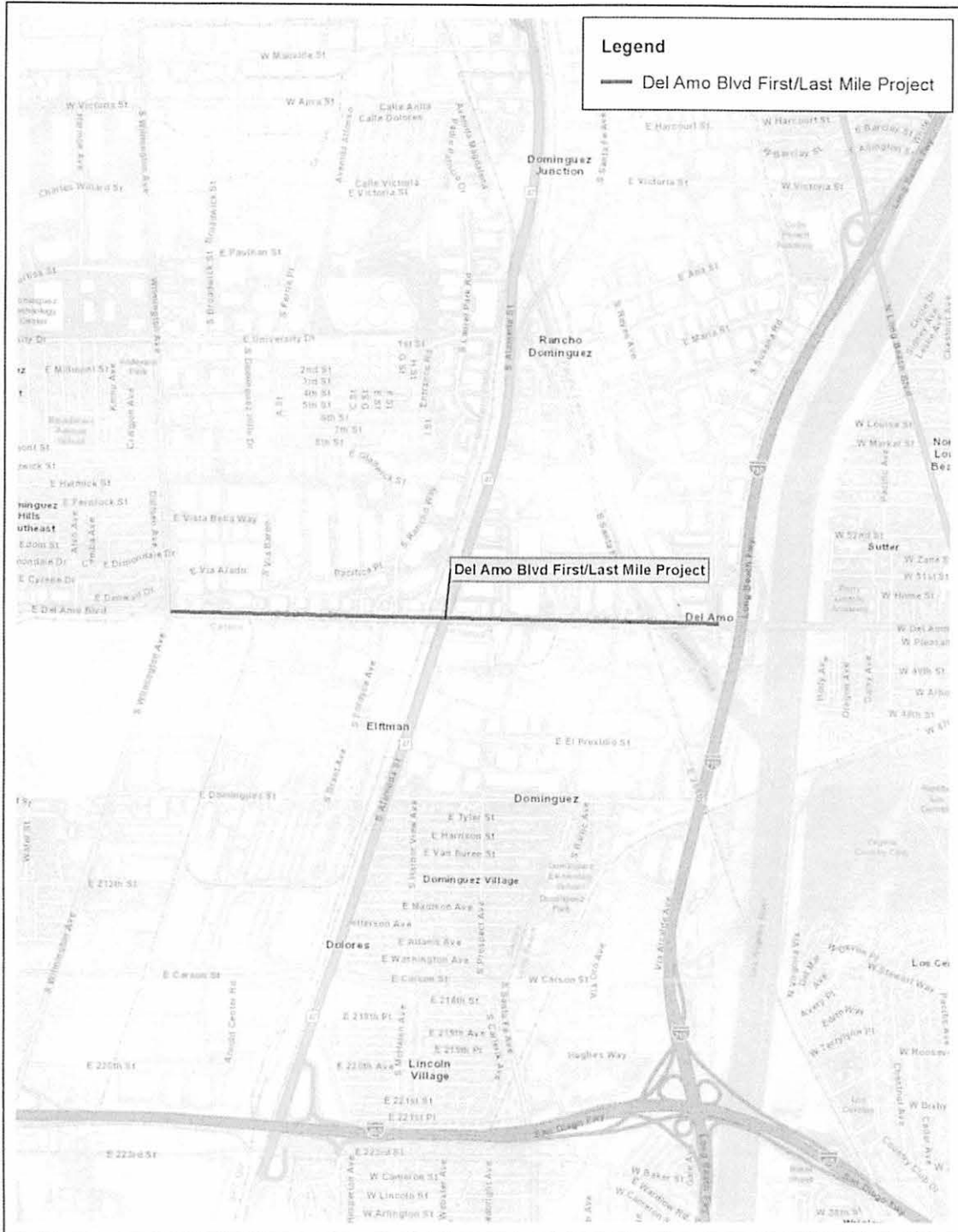


Figure 2b  
Local Vicinity  
Del Amo Blvd First/Last Mile Project

Figure 2a. Hoxie Avenue - Norwalk Boulevard Project Segment

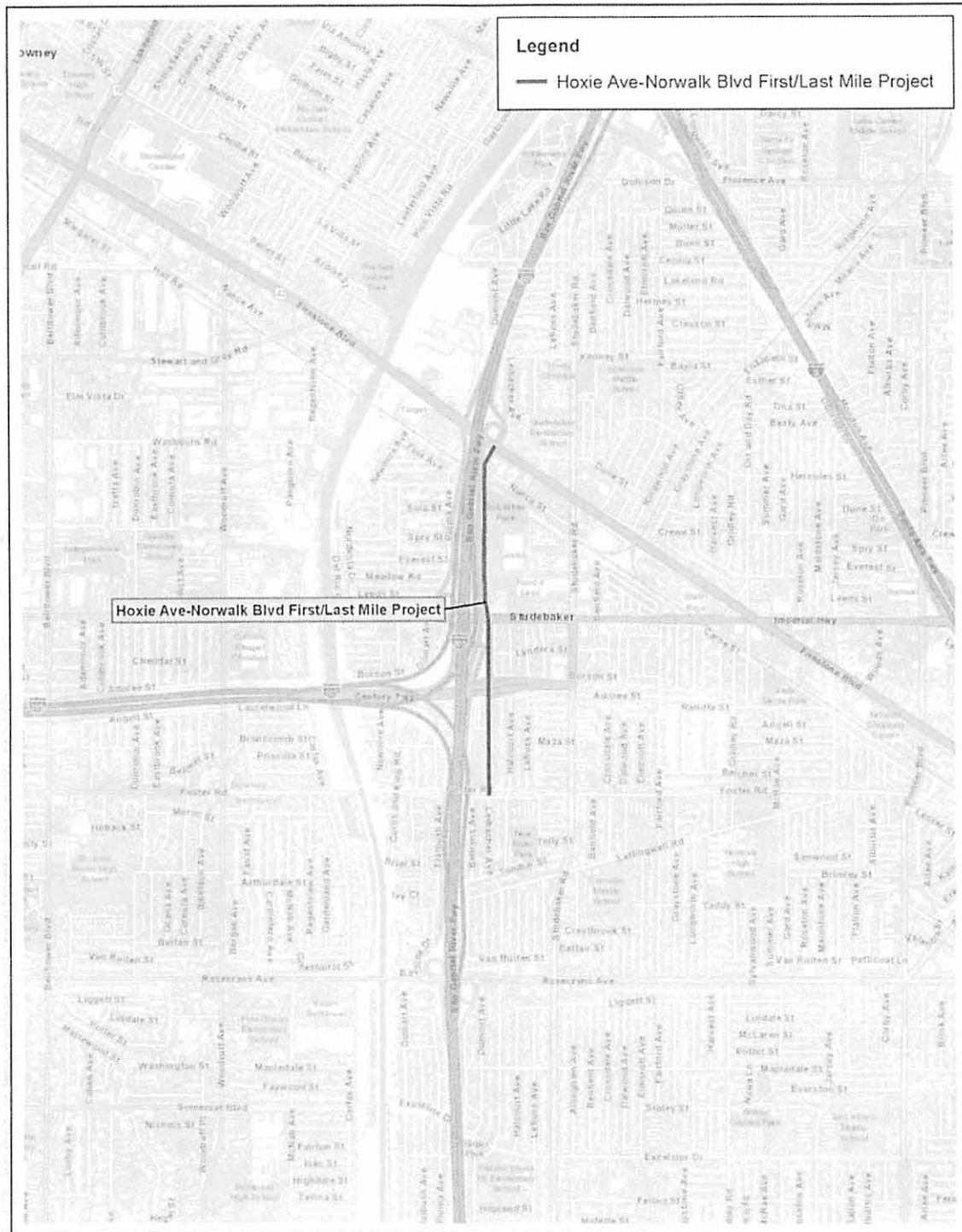


Figure 2a  
Local Vicinity  
Hoxie Ave-Norwalk Blvd First/Last Mile Project

Figure 1. Regional Location

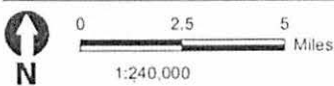
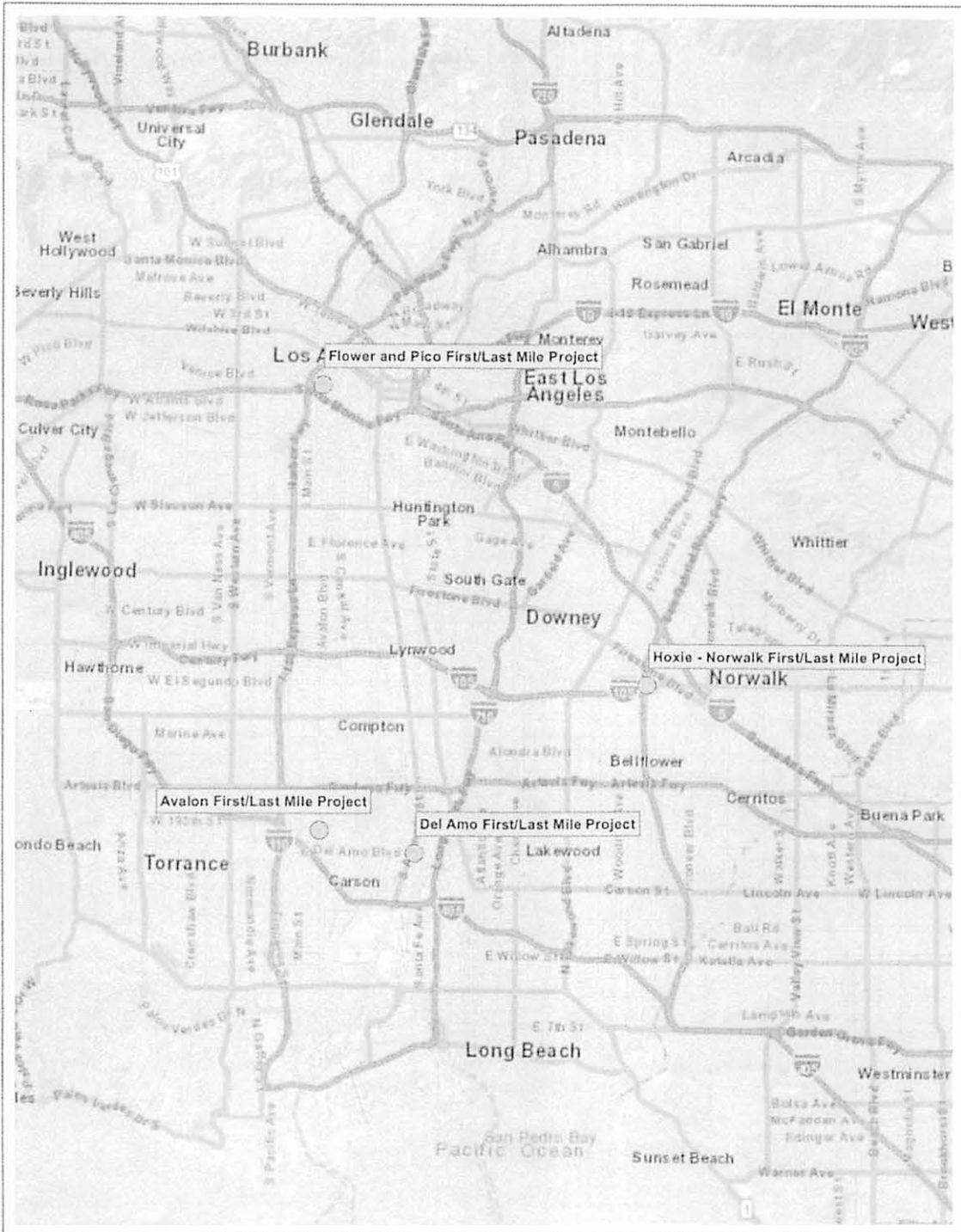


Figure 1  
Regional Location  
First/Last Mile Projects