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## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

**TO:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties

**FROM:** City of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering Environmental Management Division  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California 90015

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Wilmington Greening Infrastructure Projects

*(State Clearinghouse Number Pending Assignment by State Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.)*

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is beginning the environmental review process for the proposed Wilmington Greening Infrastructure Projects (Projects) consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). BOE's Environmental Management Division is acting on behalf of the City as the CEQA Lead Agency. As the Lead Agency, the City has prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist in accordance with the current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Article I, and CEQA Guidelines Section 15082.

The City is requesting input from public agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to the statutory responsibilities of agencies and the concerns of other interested stakeholders. Using the information obtained through the environmental scoping period, the City will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Projects and alternatives. The City's BOE welcomes comments and/or concerns related to the content of the environmental information presented and invites you to attend a public meeting in your neighborhood to learn more about the Projects and to participate in the environmental review process. Additional project documents are available at the following: <https://bit.ly/WilmingtonGreeningInfrastructureProjects>.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Wilmington Greening Infrastructure Projects include two individual but related proposed Projects. The Projects would reduce pollutant loads in stormwater that flow through the community and into the Dominguez Channel Watershed and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Watershed by capturing stormwater and helping to alleviate flooding in the surrounding area. The captured stormwater would eventually be treated at the Terminal Island Wastewater Reclamation Plant, increasing the recycled water supply in the City of Los Angeles. Figure 1 shows the regional location of the Projects, and Figure 2 shows the location of the components of the Projects in context with the surrounding neighborhood.

Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project (Phase I):

This proposed Project includes the installation of a stormwater diversion system at the Wilmington Recreation Center park, as well as improved recreational amenities, streetscape infrastructure, and landscaping. The proposed stormwater diversion system would include a 5.5-acre-foot detention basin, which would be installed underneath the existing ballfields in the southwestern area of the park. This Project is estimated to capture approximately 22 acre-feet per year of stormwater flows from an approximately 65-acre drainage area to the north of the park. A diversion structure would be installed underground between the playground and the Bay View Avenue parking lot, which would capture stormwater flows up to 5.4 cubic feet per second from the existing 36-inch storm drain. Stormwater would pass through a pretreatment system and then enter the detention basin, where it would remain for a maximum of 72 hours before being discharged to an existing sewer line for treatment and reuse. Upon completion, the ballfields would be upgraded, and new drinking fountains, batting cages, dugouts, horseshoe pits, bleachers that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and a picnic area would be installed in the southeast corner of the Project site. The Project would be limited to a 3.3-acre area in the southern portion of the park, which would interrupt access to the multipurpose ballfields as well as the horseshoe courts. Construction of the Project would not interrupt access to the skate plaza, teen center, outdoor basketball courts, playground, picnic area, or any of the activities within the indoor gymnasium.

Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (Wilmington-Anaheim Project or Phase II):

This proposed Project would divert stormwater from a 173-acre area north of the Phase I area, through storm drain diversion and a pretreatment device, to the underground storage tank that would be constructed in Phase I. Phase II would include the installation of a diversion structure underground within West C Street, west of the intersection with North Fries Avenue, and would provide localized flood control benefits through the installation of bioswales and permeable pavement<sup>1</sup> throughout the Project area. The diversion structure would be coupled with a pretreatment structure and inflow pump station which would pump the stormwater to the detention basin at the Wilmington Recreation Center park through a new pipeline installed within West C Street. The pipeline would run from North Fries Avenue to the south edge of the Wilmington Recreation Center park, where it would connect to the detention basin. Approximately 50 new street trees and up to 1,500 linear feet of streetside landscaping designed for water absorption and filtering, such as bioswales, would be installed along various street segments, which could include North Fries Avenue, West Anaheim Street, West

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<sup>1</sup> Permeable pavement is pavement that allows stormwater to seep through and into the ground.

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D Street, West E Street, West F Street, West G Street, and North Bay View Avenue. The landscaping would be installed within existing sidewalk park strips<sup>2</sup> and is not expected to result in the reduction of streetside parking. Additionally, two alleyways adjacent to West Anaheim Street between Wilmington Boulevard and Island Avenue would be resurfaced with permeable pavement, which would allow stormwater to seep into the ground. A more specific location of the bioswales and/or landscape treatments will be determined in the design process for the Wilmington-Anaheim Project, which will commence in the spring of 2025. However, the locations identified in Figure 2 are inclusive of all locations under consideration. The design process is expected to narrow and focus the proposed locations for the Wilmington-Anaheim Project improvements.

### **PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING:**

The Projects would be in the Wilmington neighborhood in the South Bay and Harbor Region of the city of Los Angeles and within the area covered by the Wilmington-Harbor City Community Plan. Wilmington is bordered by the City of Carson to the north, the City of Long Beach to the east, Terminal Island and the Pacific Ocean to the south, and the community of Harbor City to the west. Major infrastructure in the area includes Interstate 405 to the north, Interstate 110 to the west, the Port of Los Angeles to the south, and Interstate 710 to the southeast. The area that the Projects would be located in is urbanized and includes many different land uses, including the Wilmington Waterfront Park, low- and medium-density residential buildings, schools, commercial developments, light manufacturing, and light industrial businesses. The Wilmington Neighborhood Greening Project would be primarily within the southern portion of the park known as the Wilmington Recreation Center park at 325 North Neptune Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90744. The components of the Wilmington-Anaheim Green Infrastructure Corridor Project would generally be within approximately 4 blocks to the north and east of the Wilmington Recreation Center park.

### **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:**

The Notice of Preparation and Initial Study/Environmental Checklist will be circulated for a 45-day public review period, beginning on **Thursday, March 6, 2025**, and concluding on **Monday, April 21, 2025**. These materials are available at the following:  
<https://bit.ly/WilmingtonGreeningInfrastructureProjects>.

Copies of the document are also available for review at the following locations:

- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering, 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, California 90015
- Los Angeles Public Library, San Pedro Regional Branch, 931 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California 90731
- Los Angeles Public Library, Wilmington Branch, 1300 North Avalon Boulevard, Wilmington, California 90744
- Los Angeles Public Library, Harbor City – Harbor Gateway Branch, 24000 South Western, Harbor City, California 90710

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<sup>2</sup> A park strip is the area between the sidewalk and the street not including the curb and are sometimes landscaped.

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A copy of the document may also be obtained by contacting **Rachel McPherson** of the BOE at **(213) 485-1505** or by arranging a visit to the office address listed below. All comments must be submitted in writing no later than **4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025**, by mail or email (please include **“Wilmington Greening Infrastructure Projects”** in the subject line) to:

Rachel McPherson, Environmental Supervisor I  
Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Division  
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600  
Los Angeles, California 90015  
[Rachel.McPherson@lacity.org](mailto:Rachel.McPherson@lacity.org)

**PUBLIC MEETINGS:** Two public meetings will be held during the public review period to solicit comments from interested parties on the content of the EIR; simultaneous Spanish interpretation and transcription will be provided at the meetings:

**Scoping Meeting No. 1 (virtual):**

Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Link to the Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/wilmingtonGIP>

**Scoping Meeting No. 2 (in-person):**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wilmington Recreation Center  
325 North Neptune Avenue, Wilmington, California 90744

The City will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the scope of the analysis in the Draft EIR.



Figure 1. Regional area.

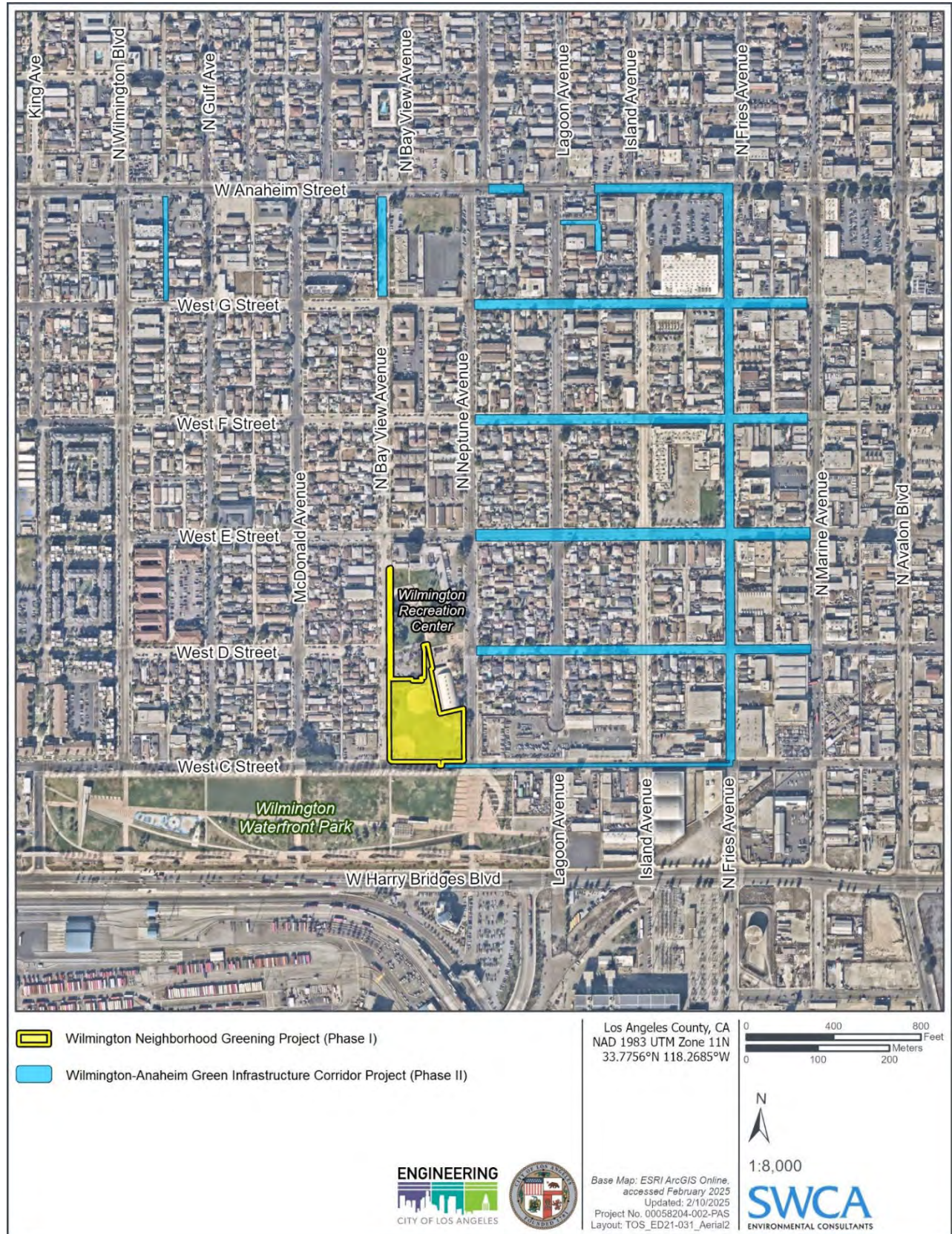


Figure 2. Boundaries of the Projects.