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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 Group
1149 S. Broadway, 6th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Vista Del Rio project**

The City of Los Angeles (City) Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is preparing a draft supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR) for the proposed Vista Del Rio project (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed project focuses on the development of programmable event space and pedestrian paths for passive recreation on up to approximately 9-acres in the City of Los Angeles at the former Union Pacific (Taylor Yard) rail site (see attached Project Vicinity Map). The SEIR is intended to inform decision-makers, public agencies, and the public about the potential significant adverse environmental impacts of the proposed project and provide decision-makers with an understanding of the associated physical and environmental changes prior to taking action on the proposed project.

This SEIR updates the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study (IFR) project (often referred to as the ARBOR or "Area with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization" Study) (SCH No. 2008121014), certified on May 25, 2016, and addresses the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. The purpose of the SEIR is to present only supplemental analysis of any potential new impacts that would result from implementation of the proposed project, which shares similar components of the ARBOR study.

The project would include remediation, pedestrian pathways, interpretive signs, flexible event spaces, landscaping and parking. Soil remediation would occur, as necessary, to accommodate the proposed uses. A parking area would be provided for the project on the existing lot located south of the property. Access would be via driveway connections along the southern access point of the Taylor Yard property (west of North San Fernando Road).

The BOE welcomes your comments regarding the scope and content of the environmental analysis to support the SEIR. We invite you to attend a public scoping meeting/design workshop to learn more about the proposed project, participate in the environmental review process and provide feedback on preliminary design concepts for the proposed project.

BOE is serving as the CEQA Lead City Agency for the proposed project. Comments obtained through the public scoping process will guide the content of the SEIR and issues to be addressed. The BOE will then prepare an SEIR to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and to identify alternatives and any necessary mitigation measures to reduce impacts of the project.

The public comment period for the scoping process begins June 27, 2019 and ends July 29, 2019.

The public scoping meeting and design workshop will be held:

July 15th, 2019, 6:30-8:30 PM Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 W Ave 26 #100, Los Angeles, CA 90065

Comments

The City requests your written comments on the scope and contents of the SEIR by **July 29, 2019**. Please include the name, telephone number, mailing address and e-mail address of a person to contact if we have any questions regarding your comment.

Comments will be accepted:

- By email to Talmage.Jordan@lacity.org (please include "Vista Del Rio SEIR" in the subject line)
- By mail to:
 - Los Angeles Department of Public Works
 - Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Management Group
 - Attn: Talmage Maxwell Jordan
 - 1149 South Broadway, Suite 600 Mail Stop: 939
 - Los Angeles, CA 90015
- Via comment cards available at the public scoping meetings.

If you have any questions about the environmental review process for the proposed project, please contact Talmage Maxwell Jordan at (213) 485-5754.

Vicinity Map



