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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 for the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program

Summary: The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering (BOE) is beginning the environmental review process for the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program (proposed Project), which would be located throughout the City of Los Angeles. BOE welcomes comments and/or concerns on the content of the environmental information presented and invites you to attend a public meeting in your neighborhood to learn more about the proposed Project and participate in the environmental review process.

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency, BOE has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Sidewalk Repair Program. As part of the NOP, an Initial Study/Environmental Checklist in accordance with current City of Los Angeles Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Article I and Section 15082 of CEQA Guidelines is available for review. BOE is requesting input from responsible agencies, trustee agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to the statutory responsibilities of agencies and to the concerns of other interested stakeholders. Using the information obtained through the scoping period and the Initial Study, BOE will prepare an EIR to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project and alternatives. The review period for the NOP/Initial Study is from July 27, 2017 to September 15, 2017.

Project Location

The proposed Project would repair and upgrade sidewalks and curb ramps throughout the City. The purpose of the proposed Project is to continue and expand implementation of Safe Sidewalks LA, in order to make City pedestrian facilities compliant with applicable accessibility requirements. Existing sidewalks and walkways, and gaps of missing sidewalks, will be repaired or replaced under the proposed Project. Street tree removals and replacements, along with utility relocations, may be needed. The City may adopt policies and/or ordinances to assist in the efficient administration of the proposed Project and its objectives.



To organize work under the proposed Project, the citywide project area has been organized into seven regional project zones that overlap with the boundaries of existing Area Planning Commissions (APC) within the City; see attached Figure 1, Project Location Map (Attachment 1), which identifies the project zones.

Potential Environmental Effects

Potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project include the following, which are included in the scope of the Initial Study and will be discussed in detail in the Draft EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services, Transportation and Traffic, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

Initial Study

An Initial Study is a preliminary analysis conducted to determine whether there is substantial evidence that a proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. A copy of the Initial Study is available at 35 libraries throughout the City of Los Angeles. Their locations are shown in Attachment 1. The Initial Study and a copy of the NOP in Spanish is available online at:

<http://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-review-process>

Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings will be held to obtain input on the scope and contents of the EIR:

- Wednesday, August 9th, 2017
Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium
100 W 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Event time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 14th, 2017
Mid-Valley Senior Citizen Center
8825 Kester Avenue, Panorama City, CA 91402
Event time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 24, 2017
Westchester Senior Citizen Center
8740 Lincoln Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90045
Event time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Comments

Please submit your comments, concerns and any other information that will be helpful in preparing an informative EIR by September 15, 2017. **Comments may be submitted by email to:**

Shilpa.Gupta@lacity.org (please include “SRP” in the subject line).

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 may also be submitted by mail to:

Shilpa Gupta, Environmental Supervisor I
City of Los Angeles Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Group
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Mail Stop 939
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213
(213) 485-4560.

Attachment 1: Figure 1, Project Location Map and NOP/IS Availability Map.

Attachment 1. Project Location Map

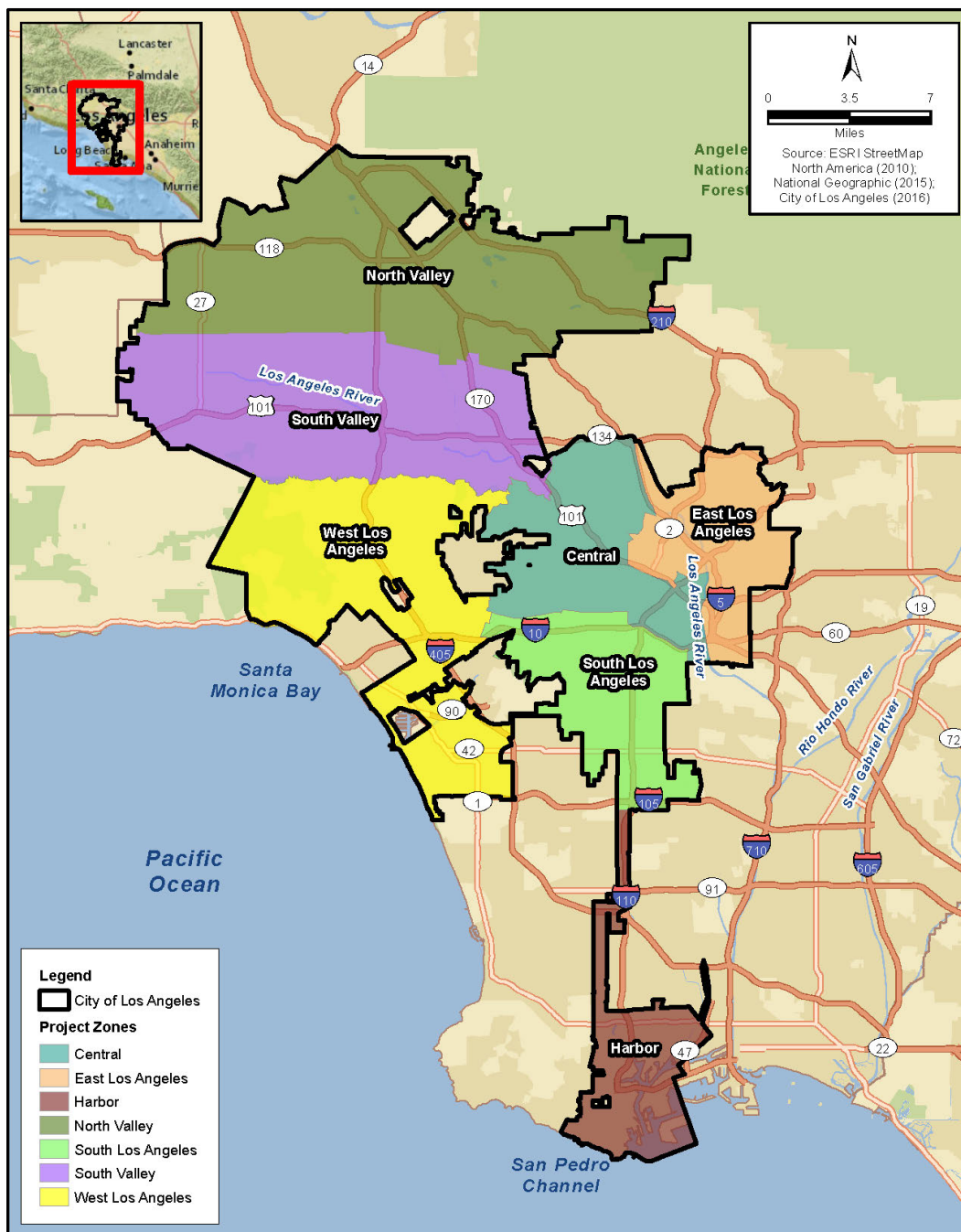


Figure 1
Project Location
Sidewalk Repair Program

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