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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
CITY CASE NO. ENV-2013-0911-EIR
RELATED CASE NO. CPC-2013-0910-GPA-SP-CA-MS-C
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2013041012**

TO: Affected Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

PROJECT NAME: City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035 (MP 2035)

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Los Angeles

COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA AND COUNCIL DISTRICTS: All

The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning (Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed City of Los Angeles Mobility Element Update (proposed project). This NOA is being distributed to applicable responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and interested parties as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Comments from interested parties are requested as to the content of the environmental information that is pertinent to each agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Mobility Element Update is being prepared in compliance with the 2008 Complete Streets Act (Assembly Bill 1358), which mandates that the circulation element of the General Plan be modified to plan for a balanced, multimodal transportation network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways, defined to include motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, seniors, movers of commercial goods, and users of public transportation, in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan. Compliance with the Complete Streets Act is expected to result in increased options for mobility; managed congestion and reduced greenhouse gas emissions; more walkable communities; and fewer travel barriers for active transportation and those who cannot drive such as children or people with disabilities. Complete streets play an important role for those who would choose not to drive if they had an alternative as well as for those who do not have the option of driving. The Complete Streets Act specifically encourages an increase in non-driving modes of travel.

The proposed project is a comprehensive revision of the adopted 1999 City of Los Angeles Transportation Element of the General Plan that will guide mobility decisions in the City through year 2035. The proposed Mobility Plan 2035 includes: (1) Policies – that support the goals and objectives described above; (2) an Enhanced Complete Street System – that prioritizes selected roadways for pedestrian, bicycle, transit, or vehicle enhancements; (3) an Action Plan – that prioritizes actions necessary for implementing the policies and programs; (4) a Complete Streets Manual – that describes and identifies implementation procedures for the City's expanded Street Standards and Guidelines; and (5) a Bicycle Plan – incorporated into this plan since the previous 2010 Bicycle Plan was adopted in 2011. The project will also be consistent with the 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The City of Los Angeles has over 7,500 miles of streets, 469 square miles of land, and nearly 3.8 million people. The

complete streets will implement roadway enhancements that improve travel for non-auto modes—whether walking, bicycling, or public transit. The Enhanced Complete Street System outlines modal enhancements for particular major streets that will improve the transportation system overall. The networks were developed in the larger context of creating complete citywide transportation options, and also consider enhancements for pedestrians, automobiles, and goods movement.

REQUIRED APPROVALS: In addition to a General Plan Amendment amending the Transportation Element the related actions will include an update of the City’s Street Standards S-470 as Complete Street Standards; specific plan amendments and code amendments to align streets, previously adopted by ordinance, to reflect the corresponding revised S-470 Complete Street Standards; update LAMC 17.05 to expand the role of the Street Standards Committee and to reflect the City’s new focus on complete streets; and update the Street Dedication Guidelines/Checklist to reflect the revised S-470 Complete Street Standards.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the analysis contained in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), the proposed project would result in unavoidable significant environmental impacts with regard to noise from increased bus frequency along certain transit routes, and transportation from increased congestion along certain routes. Other issues addressed in the EIR include Air Quality, Biological Resources, Greenhouse Gases, Land Use and Planning, and Vibration. Impacts associated with these topics were determined to be less than significant, or less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND COMMENT: A copy of the Draft EIR and the documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for review at the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning at 200 North Spring Street, Room 667, Los Angeles. Copies of the Draft EIR are also available for general public review online at www.lacity.org and at the following City of Los Angeles Public Library branches:

City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Van Nuys Civic Center
14410 Sylvan Street
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Central Library
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Exposition Park Library
3900 S. Western Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90062

San Pedro Library
931 S. Gaffey Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Arroyo Seco Library
6145 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90042

North Hollywood Library
5211 Tujanga Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Mid-Valley Library
16244 Nordhoff Street
North Hills, CA 91343

West Valley Library
19036 Vanowen Street
Reseda, CA 91335

Goldwyn-Hollywood Library
1623 N. Ivar Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90028

West Los Angeles Library
11360 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Additionally, the Draft EIR can be downloaded or reviewed via the Internet at the Department of City Planning’s website [<http://planning.lacity.org/> (click on “Environmental” and then “Draft Environmental Impact Reports”)]. The Draft EIR can be purchased on cd-rom for \$7.50 per copy. Contact **My La** of the City of Los Angeles at My.La@lacity.org for purchase.

PERIOD DURING WHICH COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED: February 13 through May 13, 2014 (90 days)

HOW TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT EIR: If you wish to submit comments following review of the Draft EIR, please reference the file number above, and submit them in writing via mail, fax, or e-mail by May 13, 2014. Please direct your comments to:

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Seven open house and public hearing events for the MP 2035, related actions and Draft EIR will be held between March 15, and April 12. The seven events will be distributed throughout the City at the following locations:

1) North Valley

Granada Hills Recreation Center
16730 Chatsworth St, Los Angeles, CA 91344
Saturday, March 15th 9am-12pm

2) Central

Metro Headquarters Building
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2952
Wednesday, March 19th 5pm-8pm

3) South LA

Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center
3916 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90062
Saturday, March 22nd 9:00am-12:00 pm

4) East

Boyle Heights City Hall
2130 East First Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033
Saturday, March 29th 9am-12pm

5) West LA

Westwood United Methodist Church
10497 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90024
Wednesday, April 2nd 6pm-9pm

6) South Valley

Braude Building
6262 Van Nuys Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91401
Saturday, April 5th 9am-12pm

7) Harbor

Peck Park Community Center
560 N Western Ave, San Pedro, CA 90732
Saturday, April 12th 10 am-1 pm

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