

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WESTERN TRUNK LINE PROJECT

Date: January 23, 2020

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Western Trunk Line Project

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Western Trunk Line Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act, responsible for the preparation of this document.

Project Description

The proposed project would include the replacement of a 23,300-foot portion of the Harbor Trunk Line within Western Avenue, from 59th Place to 121st Street. The proposed project would be located in the City of Los Angeles between 59th Place and 108th Street, and in unincorporated Los Angeles County between 108th Street and 121st Street. This segment of the Harbor Trunk Line is aging, deteriorating, and nearing the end of its service life; as such, LADWP is proposing to replace this segment to increase safety and reliability, to allow for greater operational flexibility, and to create the ability to transmit local water supplies in the future while decreasing dependence on imported water supplies. In addition to the proposed trunk line replacement, the proposed project would also replace approximately 4,495 feet of water distribution mainline along Western Avenue. Construction of the proposed project would occur along the existing public ROW of Western Avenue using the open-trench and pipe-jacking/tunneling methods. The existing trunk line would remain in service during construction and interruptions in water service would not occur during the construction process.

Project Location

The project alignment at its northern terminus is located approximately five miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. The project alignment is primarily located in the South Los Angeles Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles. The southern portion of the trunk line (south of 108th Street) is located within the West Athens/Westmont Community Plan Area of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The project alignment extends along Western Avenue in South Los Angeles from 59th Place to 121st Street. Major freeways in the project vicinity include Interstate (I) 105, which extends through the southern portion of the project alignment and I-110 to the east.

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Public Comment Period

The 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on January 23, 2020 and concluding on February 24, 2020. A copy of the IS/MND is posted at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the following locations:

LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hyde Park Branch Library
2205 West Florence Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Woodcrest Library
1340 West 106th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90044

Written comments concerning the adequacy of the IS/MND must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2020**. Please submit your comments to the following address:

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Mr. Christopher Lopez
Email: Christopher.Lopez@ladwp.com

All comments received related to issues discussed in the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the City of Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at www.ladwp.com/envnotices. The hearing will be in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check the Board agenda within 72 hours of the scheduled time and date to confirm. You may access Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the Commission Office, at (312) 367-1356.

For questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Christopher Lopez, at (213) 367-3509 or via email at Christopher.Lopez@ladwp.com.

Sincerely,



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