

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

Date: March 26, 2020

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

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

An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared by the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for the proposed De Soto Trunk Line Project (proposed project). LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document. This document was previously released for public review in November 2018 and is being recirculated in light of several changes that were made to the design of the proposed project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADWP proposes to implement the proposed project to increase the safety, capacity, and reliability of the City of Los Angeles potable water supply in the western San Fernando Valley area. The proposed project would replace portions of the existing De Soto Trunk Line, Roscoe Trunk Line, Canoga Topham Trunk Line, and Ventura Trunk Line that are aging, deteriorating, and nearing the end of their service life. The replacement trunk lines would extend along Devonshire Street from De Soto Avenue to Mason Avenue (0.5 miles), along Mason Avenue from Devonshire Street to Roscoe Boulevard (2.6 miles), and along Roscoe Boulevard from Mason Avenue to De Soto Avenue (0.5 miles). The project would also involve trunk line replacements at the intersection of De Soto Avenue and Victory Boulevard (totaling 900 linear feet). The existing pipelines range from 24 inches to 54 inches in diameter and would be replaced with 54-inch-diameter welded steel and earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe (for the De Soto Trunk Line replacements), 48-inch-diameter welded steel and earthquake resistant ductile iron pipe (for the Roscoe Trunk Line replacements), and 36-inch-diameter welded steel pipe (for the trunk line replacements at the Victory Boulevard/De Soto Avenue intersection). The proposed project would also include installation of maintenance/access holes, isolation valves, blow-offs, air/vacuum valves, and flowmeters that are required for the operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the trunk lines.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project alignment begins at the intersection of De Soto Avenue and Devonshire Street, extending approximately 0.5 mile along Devonshire Street before turning south onto Mason Avenue. The alignment then extends approximately 2.6 miles south along Mason Avenue, until it reaches Roscoe Boulevard. At the Mason Avenue/Roscoe Boulevard intersection, the alignment turns to the west, extending approximately 0.5 mile along Roscoe Boulevard before terminating at De Soto Avenue. The project also includes some pipeline work at the intersection of De Soto Avenue and Victory Boulevard, which is located approximately 2 miles south of the De Soto Avenue/Roscoe Boulevard intersection. The project alignment is primarily located in the Chatsworth–Porter Ranch Community Plan Area. Roscoe Boulevard delineates the boundary

between the Chatsworth–Porter Ranch Community Plan Area and the Canoga Park–Winnetka–Woodland Hills–West Hills Community Plan Area, located to the south. As such, the southern half of Roscoe Boulevard and the properties on the south side of the roadway, as well as the De Soto Avenue/Victory Boulevard intersection, are within the Canoga Park–Winnetka–Woodland Hills–West Hills Community Plan Area. Major freeways in the project vicinity include State Route 118 (SR-118), which extends east to west across the northern portion of the San Fernando Valley and is located approximately 1.1 mile north of the project alignment’s northern extent. Additionally, U.S. Route 101 is located approximately 1.4 mile south of the De Soto Avenue/Victory Boulevard intersection.

Pursuant to Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the project area includes properties that are listed as hazardous materials sites pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. Contamination at these sites has been remediated to the satisfaction of the applicable regulatory agencies or is currently undergoing cleanup, monitoring, and/or evaluation under regulatory agency oversight. Project construction would occur entirely within the public right-of-way, and the listed sites generally occur outside of the public right-of-way. Only one listed site is within the right-of-way: the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Orange Line (California Department of Toxic Substances Control Site Cleanup Program; ID No. 60000187). Remediation for the site was completed in 2004. The IS/MND includes a mitigation measure that would reduce hazards associated with potential subsurface contamination.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on March 26, 2020 and conclude on April 27, 2020. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the following location:

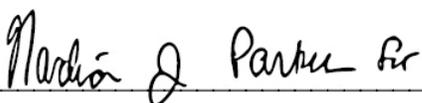
LADWP, Environmental Affairs Division
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2020**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
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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 <http://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 the Board agenda on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/AboutLADWP> or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Christopher Lopez at (213) 367-3509.



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