STATE OF CALIFORNIA—CALIFORNIA STATE TRANSPORTATION AGENCY GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor

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| **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**DISTRICT 7100 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 100LOS ANGELES, CA 90012PHONE (213) 897-0362FAX (213) 897-0360TTY 711www.dot.ca.gov | Official State Seal of California.  California's seal has 31 stars on the upper edge that represent the number of states that existed upon California's admission to the United states in 1850.  A grizzly bear feeding on grape vines next to a sheaf of grain represents the abundant wildlife and agricultural richness of California, particularly California's wine production industry (the extinct California grizzly is the official state animal and also appears on the California state flag).  Below the Sierra Nevada Mountains, a miner works near the Sacramento River, which is shown busy with commercial traffic. The word Eureka (Greek for "I have found it") most likely refers to the discovery of gold (also the state motto). Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom, overlooks the scene.   Description from <https://statesymbolsusa.org/symbol-official-item/california/state-seal/seal-california>, 06/28/2019.*Making Conservation**a California Way of Life.* |

May 22, 2020

Mr./Ms./The Honorable FirstName Last Name

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Dear Mr./Ms./Senator/Assembly Member Last Name:

**Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA)**

**Interstate 105 - High Occupancy Toll Lanes**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), are studying the possible implementation of dynamically-priced High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes, also called HOT Lanes or ExpressLanes, along Interstate 105 (I-105) between Interstate 405 and Interstate 605 in Los Angeles County. Caltrans and Metro have completed the Draft EIR/EA for the I-105 ExpressLanes Project.

The proposed project would convert existing High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) Lanes to either one or two ExpressLanes in each direction. The purpose of this project is to enhance traffic flow, improve trip reliability and travel time, and to sustain and manage mobility.

In-person public hearings will not be held to maintain social distancing requirements, based on the Governor’s Executive Order and Department of Public Health recommendations to stay at home, except as needed.

**Please join a live presentation with Q&A via the web or phone**

**on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6 p.m.**

To read or review the Draft EIR/EA, or for more information, visit Metro’s project website at **metro.net/105ExpressLanes**.

Supporting technical studies and printed copies of the reports are available upon request via the project email at **105ExpressLanes@metro.net** or the helpline at **(213) 922-6565**.

Written comments on the Draft EIR/EA must be submitted by **Monday, July 6, 2020** via the following:

* By email at: **105ExpressLanes@metro.net**
* By mail to: Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director

Attn: I-105 ExpressLanes Project

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Thank you for your interest in this important transportation study.

****Sincerely,

**JOHN C. BULINSKI**

District Director