

## CITY OF INGLEWOOD

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Planning Division



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### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Inglewood (City or Inglewood) has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated Draft EIR) for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project). The Recirculated Draft EIR is being distributed for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Inglewood is the Lead Agency for the ITC Project.

**PROJECT TITLE**: Inglewood Transit Connector Project

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO.: 2018071034

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project) is a 1.6-mile, three-station, fully elevated, electrically powered light-rail transit system, including, among other things, an Automated Transit System (ATS) mass-transit line, proposed by the City to close the last-mile gap and connect passengers between the Metro K (Crenshaw/LAX) Line and Downtown Inglewood to major event and activity centers, including the Forum, the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District, including SoFi Stadium, and the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (Intuit Dome). Three stations are proposed: (1) The Market Street/Florence Avenue station generally located between Market Street and Locust Street; (2) The Prairie Avenue/Manchester Boulevard station located on the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Manchester Boulevard; and (3) The Prairie Avenue/Hardy Street station located on the northwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Hardy Street. The ITC Project also includes a maintenance storage facility (MSF) for maintaining ATS trains, two power distribution substations (PDSs) for providing power to the ATS system, and public parking along the proposed alignment at the Market Street/Florence Avenue station, 150 South Market Street and the Prairie Avenue/Hardy Street station. The proposed Project is planned to operate from 6:00 AM to 12:00 AM during the week and on weekends, with the possibility of extending operation hours as needed during special events.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed Project is located entirely in the central portion of the City, east of the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and north of the Glen Anderson Freeway (I-105) in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed alignment for the Project would be primarily located within the public right of way along Market Street, Manchester Boulevard, and Prairie Avenue, with limited encroachments on adjacent private property (See **Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map**).

Environmental Topics Evaluated/Potentially Significant Impacts: The Recirculated Draft EIR examines the potential impacts that would be generated by the ITC Project for the following environmental topics: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration, Population, Employment, and Housing, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Less than significant impacts are identified for the following topics: Aesthetics, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Noise and Vibration, Land Use and Planning, Population, Employment, and Housing, and Transportation. Potentially

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significant impacts are identified related to the following topics: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Measures are identified to mitigate all potentially significant impacts to less than significant.

<u>Alternatives Evaluated:</u> (1) No Project, (2) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System, (3) Market Street Pedestrian Promenade, (4) 4th Station Alternative, (5) Prairie Avenue Single Station Alternative and (6) Maintenance and Storage Facility Relocation Alternative.

A portion of the Project Site, the MSF site located at 500 Manchester Boulevard, is included on the following list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code: Historical Cortese list. The sites in this list are designated by the State Water Resource Control board [i.e., LUST sites], the Integrated WasteBoard [i.e., active, closed and inactive landfills, SWF/LF], and the Department of Toxic Substances Control [i.e., sites contain potential or confirmed hazardous substance release, CALSITES]. This list is no longer updated by the state.

#### **Public Meeting**

A Public Meeting will be held at the date and time below to provide project information on the Project and Recirculated Draft EIR:

• Date: Monday, November 22, 2021

• **Time:** 6:00PM to 7:00PM

Please see below for instructions on how to join this meeting.

Zoom Meeting Weblink:

https://trifiletticonsulting.zoom.us/j/86733559092?pwd=YWw3SFFSQUIIZHRUeEU5Wml3U0tzQT09

Meeting ID: 867 3355 9092 Passcode:1970

• Join By Phone:

Number: (253) 215-8782Number: (346) 248-7799

<u>Public Comment Period:</u> The Recirculated Draft EIR and its technical appendices are available for public review and comment as required by Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines from November 12, 2021, through December 27, 2021. Written comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR and technical appendices must be received **no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 27, 2021**.

The Recirculated Draft EIR and technical appendices are available for review at the City of Inglewood website at:

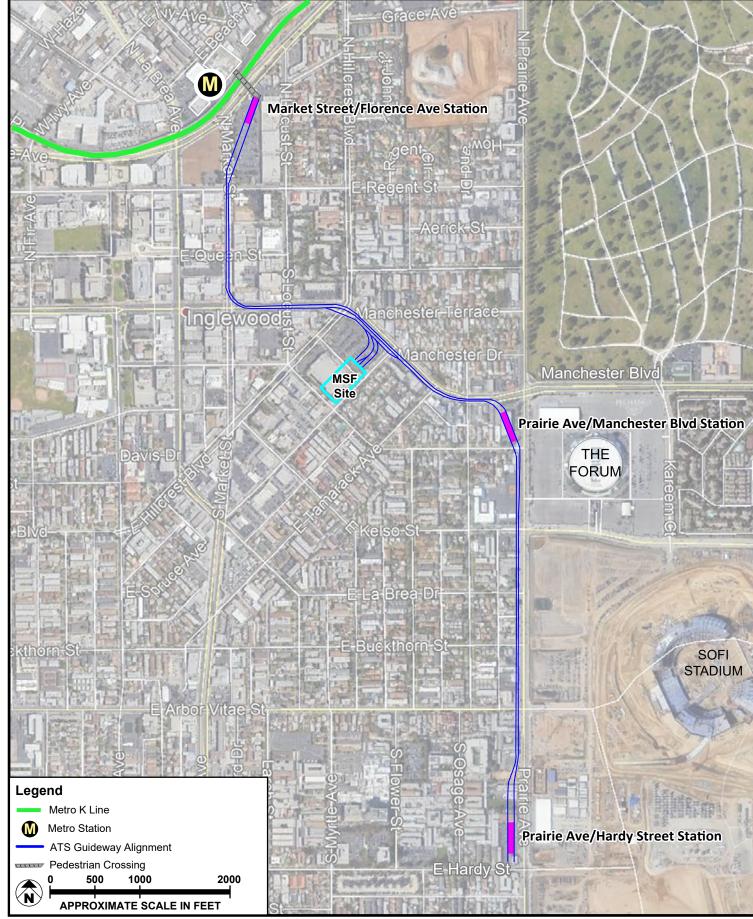
https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1016/Environmental-Documents

Submit written comments to:

Mindy Wilcox, AICP, Planning Manager: City of Inglewood, Planning Division One W. Manchester Boulevard, 4th Floor Inglewood, CA 90301

You may also send comments via email to:

E-Mail: inglewoodtransitconnector@cityofinglewood.org



SOURCE: Google Earth - 2021; Meridian Consultants LLC - 2021

Illustrative and subject to adjustments as part of finalization during final design  ${\bf FIGURE}~{\bf 1}$ 



**Project Vicinity Map**