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## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Responsible, Trustee and Federal  
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From: California Dept. of Transportation  
District 7 Environmental Planning  
100 South Main Street (MS16A)  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report**  
*Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.*

**Project Title:** SR-110 Arroyo Seco Parkway Safety and Operational Enhancement Project

**Project Location:** The limits of the proposed SR-110 Arroyo Seco Parkway Safety and Operational Enhancements Project (Project) will be along a 4.81-mile segment on Arroyo Seco Parkway (SR-110) between the Figueroa Street off-ramp (PM 25.78) within the City of Los Angeles and Orange Grove Avenue (PM 30.59) within the City of South Pasadena, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing improvements along the SR-110 Arroyo Seco Parkway (Parkway) which would enhance safety and operations along the Parkway. The improvements would address existing traffic conflicts by allowing vehicles more efficient ingress and egress from the on- and off-ramps along the Parkway.

This is to inform you that Caltrans will be the lead agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) for the project described below. Your participation as a responsible agency is requested in the preparation and review of this document.

The purpose of this notice is : (1) to serve as the Notice of Preparation to potential Responsible Agencies, agencies involved in funding or approving the Project, and Trustee Agencies responsible for natural resources affected by the Project pursuant to Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines; and (2) to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of an EIR, environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR, and related issues, from interested parties other than those noted above, including interested or affected members of the public. Caltrans requests that any potential Responsible or Trustee Agency responding to this notice do so in a manner consistent with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 (b).

We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

A more detailed project description, location map, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials.

A copy of the Initial Study is not attached.

Caltrans will be holding a public scoping meeting to provide an overview of the Project, summarize the environmental process, and receive input regarding the proposed project. The scoping meeting details are below:

Date: September 30, 2019  
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Location: Ramona Hall Community Center  
4580 N Figueroa St  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.

Please direct your response to Kelly Ewing-Toledo, Supervising Environmental Planner, Division of Environmental Planning, California Department of Transportation, District 7, 100 South Main Street, MS 16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via e-mail at [SR110ArroyoSecoEA33150@arellanoassociates.com](mailto:SR110ArroyoSecoEA33150@arellanoassociates.com).

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## **Project Description**

The project consists of enhancing safety and operations along a 4.81-mile section of the southbound and northbound SR-110 Arroyo Seco Parkway between the Figueroa Street off-ramp (PM 25.78) and Orange Grove Avenue (PM 30.59). The proposed improvements would address existing traffic conflicts by allowing vehicles more efficient ingress and egress from the on- and off-ramps along the Arroyo Seco Parkway within the cities of Los Angeles and South Pasadena, California.

The following five (5) Project alternatives are under consideration.

## **Project Alternatives:**

•**Alternative 1 No Build Alternative:** No action alternative.

•**Alternative 2 Hard Shoulder Running:** The existing outside lane (lane #3) would be converted to permanent shoulder to be used as a part time travel lane during peak periods when volumes are high. This would be accomplished by using Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) located strategically along the project corridor to dynamically switch shoulder/through lane mode of operations in response to prevailing traffic conditions. The improvement includes a Queue Warning System on the southbound direction between Avenue 60 and Avenue 64 and modification of four emergency pull-out areas (2 locations in each direction).

•**Alternative 3 Dynamic Flex Lane:** The outside lane (lane #3) on both directions will be utilized as an acceleration/deceleration/auxiliary lane during off-peak commute hours. The task will be accomplished by using Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) located strategically along the length of the project, and the switching between these two types of operations will be completely automated based on traffic demand. The improvement includes a Queue Warning System on the southbound direction between Avenue 60 and Avenue 64 and modification of 4 emergency pull-out areas (2 locations in each direction).

•**Alternative 4 Speed Reduction:** To reduce the current posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour (mph) to 45 mph. The improvement includes modification of 4 emergency pull-out areas (2 locations in each direction).

•**Alternative 5 Two-Lane Option:** To reduce the parkway to two lanes (Lanes #1 and #2) in each direction and convert Lane #3 to a combination shoulder and acceleration/deceleration lane.

## **Potential Environmental Impacts**

Various environmental resources are known to exist within the limits of the study area. These potential impacts include but are not limited to: cultural resources due to impacts to the Arroyo Seco Parkway Historic District, air quality, aesthetics, biological resources, Section 4(f), hazardous materials, utilities/service systems, hydrology/water quality, noise, community impacts, transportation/traffic, construction impacts. Avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures will be developed in order to reduce any potential impacts.

# SR-110 Arroyo Seco Parkway Safety and Operational Enhancements PROJECT LOCATION MAP

