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May 1, 2020 Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals Interested in the Seismic Retrofit and Bridge Rail Upgrade Project

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Categorical Exclusion for the State Route 39 and State Route 71 Seismic Retrofit and Bridge Rail Upgrade Project

This notice is to inform you that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a seismic retrofit and barrier replacement project on two bridge structures on separate routes within Los Angeles County; the San Gabriel River Bridge (Bridge Number 53-0113, Post Mile 17.81) on State Route (SR)-39 and the Ridgeway Street Undercrossing (Bridge Number 53-2052, Post Mile R0.92) on SR-71. Painting work and modification of the structure approach slabs are also proposed for the San Gabriel River Bridge. The existing bridge guardrails at the Ridgeway Street UC will be upgraded to current standards.

Caltrans is the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In conformity with the requirements of CEQA and NEPA, Caltrans has studied the environmental impacts of the proposed project and has prepared an Initial Study with a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Categorical Exclusion.

The Initial Study can be accessed online via the CEQAnet web portal at https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have concerning potential social, economic, and environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project.

Please submit any written comments on the Initial Study no later than June 03, 2020 to:

Mr. Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director California Department of Transportation Division of Environmental Planning 100 South Main Street MS-16A Los Angeles, CA 90012

Your comments will be included as part of the public record.

Thank you for your interest in this important transportation project. If you have any questions please contact Karl Price, Senior Environmental Planner, at Karl.Price@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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