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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WEST LOS ANGELES DISTRICT YARD PROJECT

Date: June 25, 2020

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the West Los Angeles District Yard 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 West Los Angeles District Yard Project. LADWP is the Lead Agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The West Los Angeles District Yard Project (proposed project) is a facility improvement project proposed by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). Under the proposed project, LADWP would demolish six structures on the project site, including the West Los Angeles Distribution Headquarters (i.e., district office), warehouse, break room, locker room, fleet shop, and surface parking. One new building, totaling approximately 92,000 square feet, would be constructed in place of the demolished buildings, which would include a warehouse, administration office, electric trouble office, service planning office, and fleet shop. The new building would consolidate all of the functions of the demolished buildings and house the relocated Service Planning group at the project site. A two level above-ground parking structure with a total of 154 parking stalls for use by fleet vehicles would be constructed adjacent to the new building and would be connected by a horizontal assembly. Beneath the proposed new building, a single-level underground parking structure with a total of 389 parking stalls would also be constructed. An additional 12 public parking spaces would be provided at grade for the Service Planning group, outside of the security gate. Additionally, a gantry crane located within the existing yard would be relocated toward the southeast section of the District Yard closer to the driveway, to allow access to Olympic Boulevard. The existing fuel tanks at the on-site fueling station located along the access driveway that connects the project site to Olympic Boulevard would remain aboveground. The purpose of the proposed project is to repair and replace aging infrastructure, improve safety and operating conditions, provide functional efficiency, integrate sustainability into the project design, increase building capacity to meet increasing customer demands, and enhance site beautification.

PROJECT LOCATION

The 6.3-acre project site is located at 12300 Nebraska Avenue in the West Los Angeles Community Plan Area within the City of Los Angeles. The project site is bound by Nebraska Avenue to the northwest, Bundy drive to the northeast, Centinela Avenue to the southwest, and Olympic Boulevard to the southeast. Local access to the project site is available from the west via Nebraska Ave, from the south via Centinela Avenue, and from the east via Olympic Boulevard, which has direct access to the Interstate (I) 405.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on June 25, 2020 and conclude on July 25, 2020. The IS/MND is available for review on the LADWP website at http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices.

Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2020**.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power 111 North Hope Street, Room 1044 Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attn: Mr. Aiden Leong Email: Aiden.Leong@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. 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.

PLEASE NOTE: LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

For any questions regarding the review of the IS/MND, please contact Mr. Aiden Leong at (213) 367-0706.

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