

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILMINGTON AVENUE BRIDGE OVER COMPTON CREEK PROJECT

Public Works proposes to demolish and replace the existing Wilmington Avenue Bridge over Compton Creek (project), located in the northwest portion of the City of Compton where Wilmington Avenue crosses Compton Creek, 500 feet north of the Wilmington Avenue/Compton Boulevard/ intersection (Figure 1). Public Works is the lead agency for the project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Wilmington Avenue Bridge crosses Compton Creek, a concrete flood control channel for most of its course, including where it runs underneath the project site.

The project would replace the existing two-span, steel-girder Wilmington Avenue Bridge with a new two-span, precast concrete bridge. The project includes the reconstruction of the sidewalks adjacent to the project limits. Right-of-way acquisition and temporary use of right-of-way would be required for properties located at 739 West School Street, 245 North Magnolia Court, and 125, 131, 201, 245, 306, and 308 North Wilmington Avenue as they are affected by the raised roadway, sidewalks, and temporary construction easements. Additionally, the project includes the removal of a private tree, relocation of catch basins, driveways, street lighting, and the reconstruction of sidewalks, and driveways along Wilmington Avenue. Lastly, the project includes the replacement of the bike path and access road along the Compton Creek channel. During construction, temporary staging areas would be established in the 300-foot approach on Wilmington Avenueon on either side of the bridge structure. Temporary K-rails would be installed at each end of the project limits, including a six-foot-high perimeter fence to prevent pedestrians from entering the work area. Access for the properties adjacent to the construction site will be maintained during construction. Pursuant to Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, the project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5.

Public Works prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to assess the environmental impacts of the project pursuant to CEQA. Significant environmental impacts can be addressed through mitigation. The IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day public review and comment period starting March 17, 2023, and ending April 17, 2023. The IS/MND may be accessed electronically at the following website: https://pw.lacounty.gov/tpp/docs/Wilmington-Ave-Bridge-Public-Review.pdf. A copy of the IS/MND is also available for review at the following locations:

- Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division, 11th floor, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803
- Compton Library, 240 West Compton Boulevard, Compton, CA 90220

Interested parties must submit their comments in writing by April 17, 2023. Comments must be submitted via postal or electronic mail to the following address:

> Department of Public Works Attention Ms. Reyna Soriano P.O. Box 1460 Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

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The final IS/MND will incorporate responses to written comments received during the public review period. The final document will be considered by the Board for approval. Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Reyna Soriano. Transportation Planning and Programs Division, (626) 458-5192 or rsoriano@pw.lacounty.gov, Monday through Thursday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Si necesita asistencia con la traducción a Español, por favor comuniquese con el representante del departamento de Obras Públicas del Condado de Los Angeles, Sr. Art Correa (626) 458-3948.

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Project Location

FIGURE 1