NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) OF DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT [IS/EA]

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department), proposes to reconfigure the existing interchange at State Route 47 (SR-47)/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Harbor Boulevard/Front Street. The project limits on SR-47 extend from approximately Post Mile [PM] 0.3 to PM 0.8 (SR-47 from west of Harker Street to east of North Front Street) in the City of Los Angeles in Los Angeles County, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to: (1) improve safety, access, and the efficient operation of the SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard interchange; and (2) improve goods movement and traffic circulation in the area in a manner that is sensitive to the needs of the local community. Caltrans is the lead agency under both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A No-Build Alternative and a Build Alternative are proposed for the project. The Build Alternative proposes to reconfigure the existing interchange at SR-47/Vincent Thomas Bridge and Front Street/Harbor Boulevard. The proposed improvements would eliminate a bottleneck condition at the shared off-ramp terminus by creating a new, separate terminus for the westbound ramps.

WHY THIS NOTICE?
Caltrans has studied the effects that the proposed project may have on the environment and community. The results of these studies are contained in an environmental document known as a Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of its completion and availability to any interested individuals.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?
The Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment [IS/EA] is available for viewing and download at http://www.dot.ca.gov/d7/env-docs/. The Draft IS/EA is also available for review at the Caltrans District 7 office (100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) and the San Pedro Regional Library (931 S. Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731) during normal business hours.

WHERE YOU COME IN / CONTACTS
Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Would you care to make any other comments on the project? Please submit your comments in writing no later than 5:00PM on October 30, 2018 to:
Mr. Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director
California Department of Transportation
Division of Environmental Planning
100 S. Main Street, MS-16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHEN AND WHERE?
A public hearing will be held to allow any interested individuals an opportunity to discuss the project with Caltrans staff. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at the Harbor Department Administration Building, 425 S Palos Verdes St, San Pedro, CA 90731 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Caltrans’ Public Affairs Office at (213) 897-3656 at least 21 days in advance prior to the scheduled hearing date.

Thank you for your interest in this transportation project!
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