



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INITIAL STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT WITH PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Interstate 405 at Avalon Boulevard Interchange Project

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

The California Department of Transportation (The Department) is the lead agency in the preparation of an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Interstate 405 (I-405) at Avalon Boulevard Interchange Project, as delegated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Department is also designated as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Questions and comments regarding environmental issues associated with construction of this project are requested from all pertinent agencies, elected officials, and interested parties. A review of environmental information relevant to statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project is requested by agencies reviewing this notice. Associated agencies must utilize the IS/EA prepared by Caltrans in consideration of any permits or other approvals issued for the project.

PROJECT TITLE: Interstate 405 (I-405)/Avalon Boulevard Interchange Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located within the City of Carson, in the County of Los Angeles, at the interchange of the I-405 Freeway and Avalon Boulevard. The I-405/Avalon Boulevard interchange is located approximately 1.36 miles southeast (south by route orientation) of the I-405/ Main Street interchange and 0.69 miles northwest (north by route orientation) of the I-405/Carson Street interchange. The site is bounded the Dominguez Channel and commercial properties to the north and northeast, residential and commercial properties to the west and southwest, and the future Carson Marketplace site to the northwest.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Carson proposes to improve the configuration of the existing I-405/Avalon Boulevard interchange in the City of Carson. The proposed improvements would: (1) realign and improve existing ramps in three of the intersection quadrants; (2) add a new ramp in the fourth (i.e. southeast) quadrant, which would link Lenardo Drive and Avalon Boulevard to the freeway at a widened 213th Street bridge; (3) link the interchange to Lenardo Drive on the adjacent Carson Marketplace site with a bridge over the Torrance Lateral flood control channel; and (4) widen Avalon Boulevard in the northbound direction.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be held during the review period to discuss the project and the Initial Study with the public and receive public comments.

Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Location: City of Carson
801 Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center
Room 123

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

PUBLIC REVIEW: Comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction of this project are requested. The IS with proposed Negative Declaration/EA with Finding of No Significant Impact is available for review at the City of Carson website: <http://ci.carson.ca.us/>; and Caltrans website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/resources/envdocs/>.

It is also available at the following locations:

Caltrans Division 7 Offices
Division of Environmental Planning
100 S. Main Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

City of Carson
Department of Public Works
701 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90749

Carson Regional Library
151 E. Carson St.
Carson, CA 90745

Victoria Park Library
17906 S. Avalon Blvd.
Carson, CA 90745

A 45-day review period has been set to facilitate public comment. The review period is scheduled to run between **July 14, 2008 and August 27, 2008**. Due to the time limits mandated by federal and state law, your response must be received **no later than August 27, 2008**. Please indicate the following contact in your response and send your response to:

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