

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 24, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

Reference Number: 2.2c. (11), Action

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Subject: Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding – Final Environmental Impact Report for the Airport Metro Connector – 96th Street Transit Station Project, Resolution E-20-64

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission), as a Responsible Agency, accept the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Airport Metro Connector – 96th Street Transit Station Project (Project) in Los Angeles County and approve the Project for future consideration of funding.

Issue:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is the California Environmental Quality Act lead agency for the Project. The Project will construct a multimodal transit station on the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, adding an additional stop to the Metro Green Line, to enable seamless transfers between numerous rail and bus transit lines, including an Automated People Mover to be constructed by the Los Angeles International Airport that serves the central terminal area of Los Angeles World Airport. The project is located near Aviation Boulevard and 96th Street in the City of Los Angeles.

For all projects that are anticipated to be funded through a program under the purview of the Commission, full compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is required. The Commission will not allocate funds to projects for design, right-of-way or construction until the environmental document is complete, and the Commission has approved the environmentally cleared project for future funding consideration.

Background:

On November 16, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Planning and Programming Committee adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report for the

Project and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

The following day on November 17, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Construction Committee adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project and found that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation.

On April 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority confirmed that the Final Environmental Impact Report remains valid and that there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority also confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the Commission.

Impacts that require mitigation measures to be reduced to less than significant levels relate to hazards and hazardous materials. Mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, conduct a preconstruction Phase II Environmental Site Assessment for detection of hazardous substances, comply with the Southern California Air Quality Management District 1166 requirements governing volatile organic compounds, and retain a certified asbestos consultant for monitoring demolition activities.

The Project is estimated to cost \$525,200,000 and is fully funded through construction with Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Funds (\$150,000,000), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Funds (\$40,000,000), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Funds (\$12,929,000), and Local Funds (\$322,271,000).

Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Resolution E-20-64
- Attachment B: Notice of Determination
- Attachment C: Project Location Map

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Resolution for Future Consideration of Funding**

**7 – Los Angeles County
Resolution E-20-64**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has completed a Final Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines for the Airport Metro Connector – 96th Street Transit Station Project (Project) in Los Angeles County; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has certified that the Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed pursuant to CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Project is located near Aviation Boulevard and 96th Street in the City of Los Angeles; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Project will construct a multimodal transit station on the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, adding an additional stop to the Metro Green Line, to enable seamless transfers between numerous rail and bus transit lines, including an Automated People Mover to be constructed by the Los Angeles World Airport that serves the central terminal area of Los Angeles International Airport; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on November 16, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Planning and Programming Committee found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, on November 17, 2016, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Construction Committee also found that the proposed Project would not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation and adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority confirmed that the Final Environmental Impact Report remains valid and that there are no new identified impacts requiring mitigation; and

- 1.9 WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority also confirmed that the preferred alternative set forth in the final environmental document is consistent with the Project scope of work programmed by the California Transportation Commission (Commission); and
- 1.10 WHEREAS, the Commission, as a Responsible Agency, has considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report.
- 2.1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby accept the Final Environmental Impact Report and approve the above-referenced Project for future consideration of funding.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Transportation Commission
Attn: Jose Oseguera
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Airport Metro Connector – 96th Street Transit Station Project

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State Clearinghouse Number	Lead Agency Contact Person	Area Code/Telephone

Project Location (include county): The project is located near Aviation Boulevard and 96th Street in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Project Description: The project will construct a multimodal transit station on the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line, adding an additional stop to the Metro Green Line, to enable seamless transfers between numerous rail and bus transit lines, including an Automated People Mover to be constructed by the Los Angeles World Airport that serves the central terminal area of Los Angeles International Airport.

This is to advise that the California Transportation Commission has approved the above described project on

(Lead Agency/ Responsible Agency)

June 24, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project (will/ will not) have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures (were/ were not) made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. Mitigation reporting or monitoring plan (was / was not) adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations (was / was not) adopted for this project.
6. Findings (were/ were not) made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The above identified document with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: 1 Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Signature (Public Agency)

Date

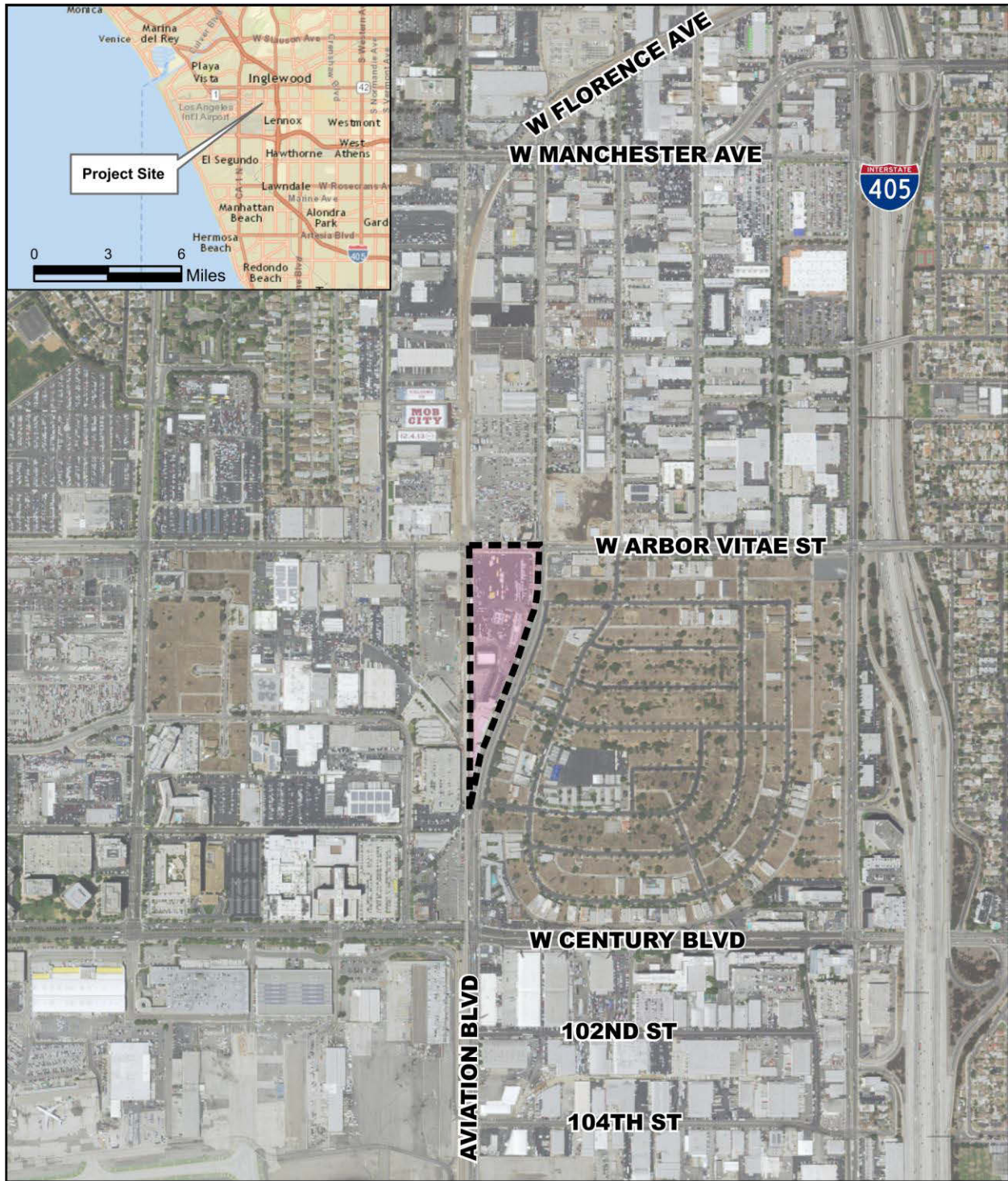
Executive Director

California Transportation Commission

Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

Figure 2.1 Regional and Project Site Location



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Project Site



Source: Terry A. Hayes Associates Inc., 2016.