

MEMORANDUM

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: May 14-15, 2026

From: STEVEN KECK, Chief Financial Officer

Reference Number: 2.4c.(5), Action Item

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Subject: **AIRSPACE LEASE - REQUEST FOR CONSENT TO DIRECTLY NEGOTIATE WITH LA AERIAL RAPID TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES LLC**

ISSUE:

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve a request by the California Department of Transportation (Department) to directly negotiate a long-term lease agreement with LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC, located in Los Angeles County?

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve a request to directly negotiate a long-term aerial lease with LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC, located in Los Angeles County.

BACKGROUND:

LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC owns LA Aerial Rapid Transit (LA ART), the entity responsible for the proposed gondola. LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC is dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, and their organization is at the forefront of environmental innovation.

LA ART proposes installing a gondola system that will connect Los Angeles Union Station and Dodger Stadium. It will be a 1.2-mile route that will serve as a last-mile connector from the transit hub at Union Station to the Dodger Stadium. LA ART's proposal offers the capacity to move approximately 5,000 people per hour in each direction, using a quiet, safe, environmentally friendly, and proven zero-emission technology. The project will also expand transit access to parks by providing a transit connection to Elysian Park and a proposed intermediate station at Los Angeles State Historic Park. The project will connect traditionally under-served communities in El Pueblo, Chinatown, Mission Junction, and Solano Canyon to

Union Station. This project would not be feasible if not for utilizing the Department's aerial airspace, as no viable alternative exists to traverse this route.

The airspace lease is for the right to pass over State Route 110.

BENEFITS:

It is in the State's interest to lease this aerial airspace through direct negotiation. This project provides a zero-emission alternative transportation option that may reduce congestion in the areas serviced by the gondola.

It is requested that the Commission grant permission to directly negotiate a long-term aerial lease with LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – County of Los Angeles Assessor Map

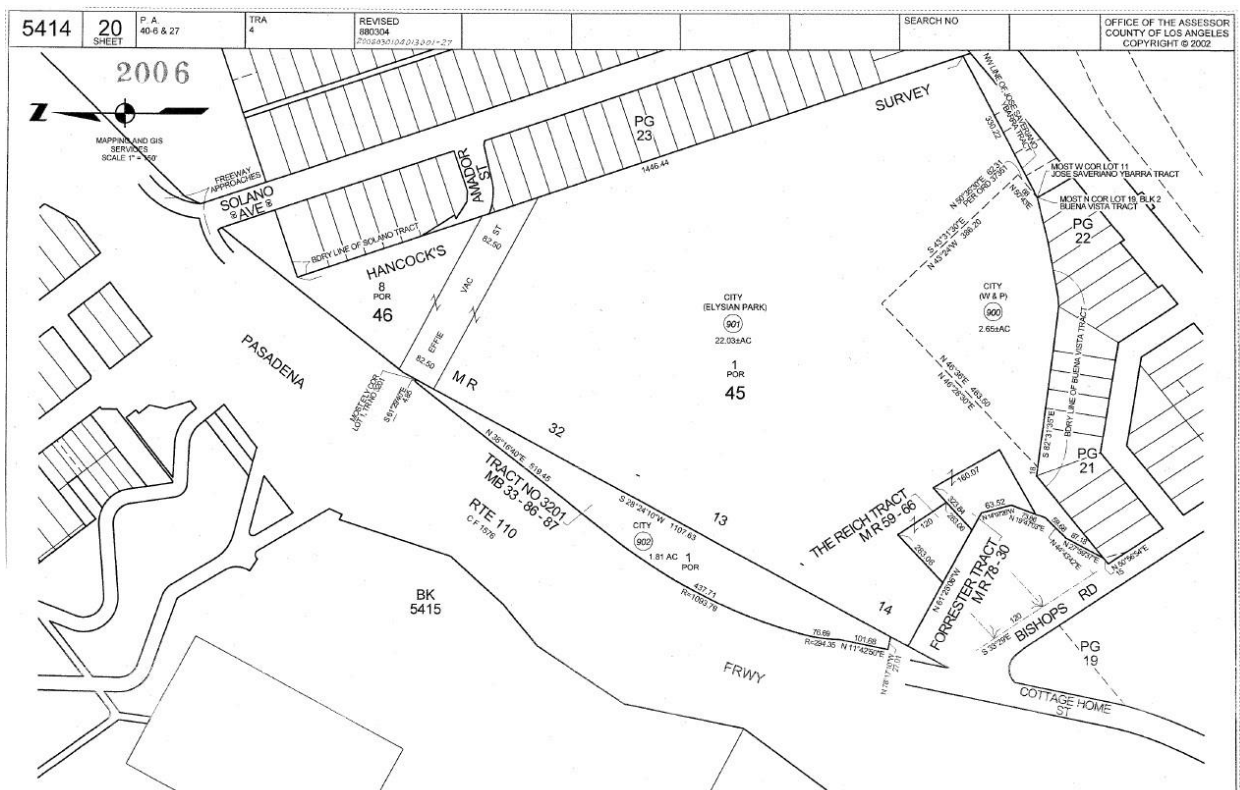
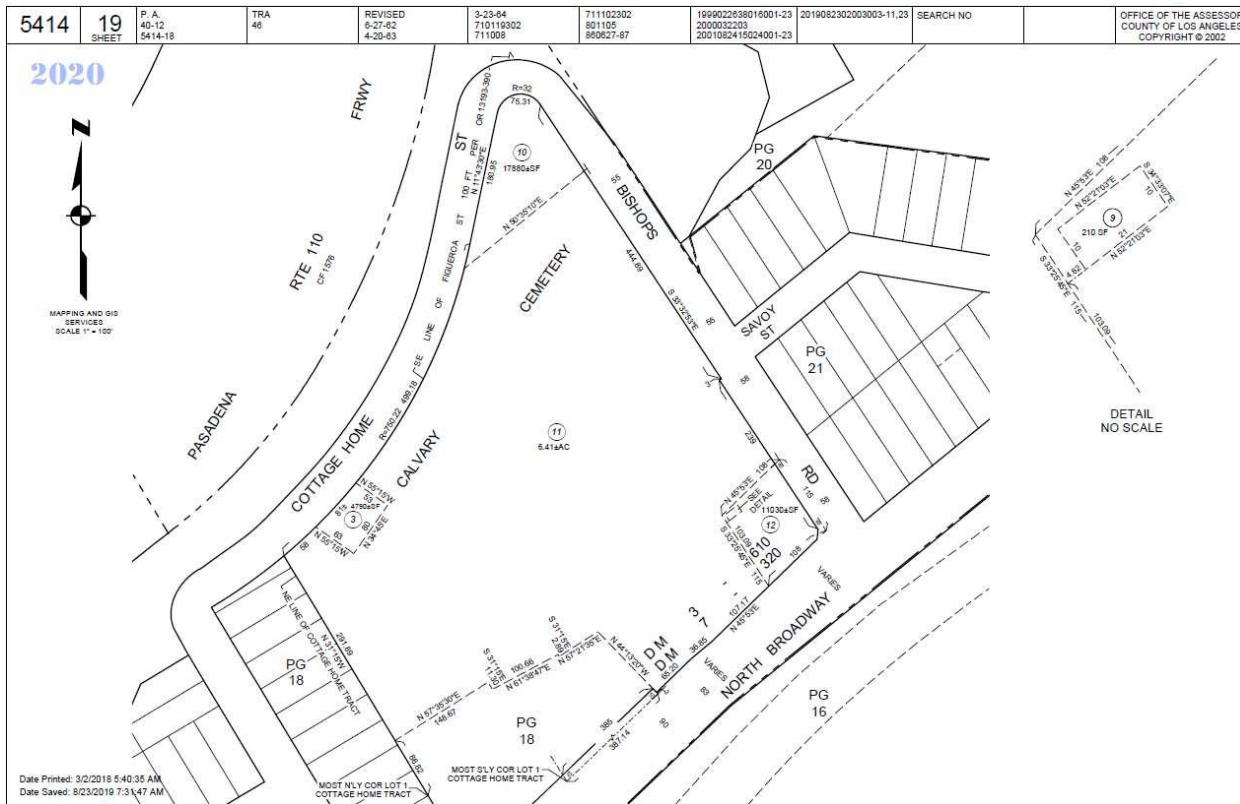
Exhibit B – Caltrans Aerial Rights Under Proposed Alignment

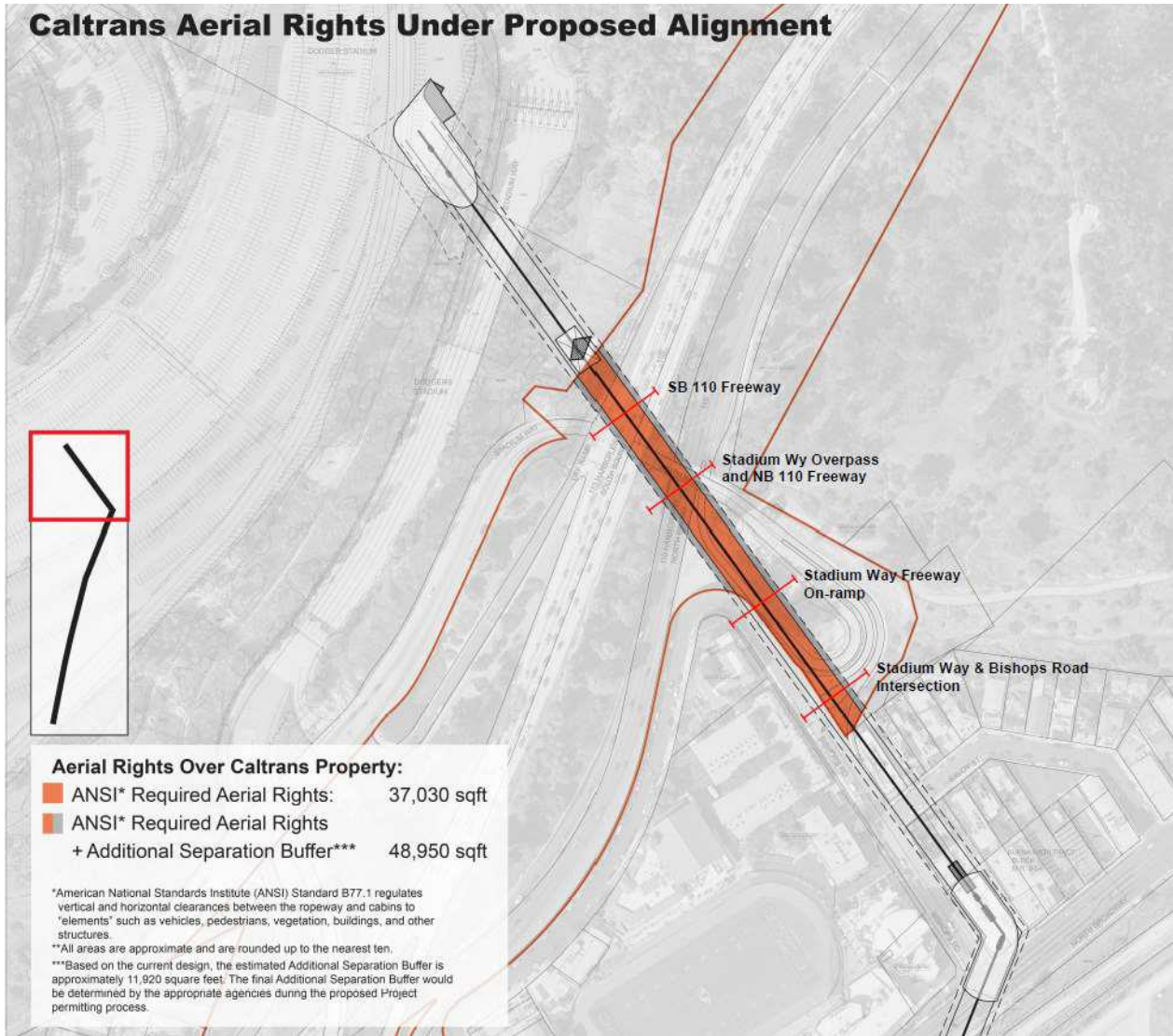
Exhibit C – Caltrans Aerial Rights Under Design Option A

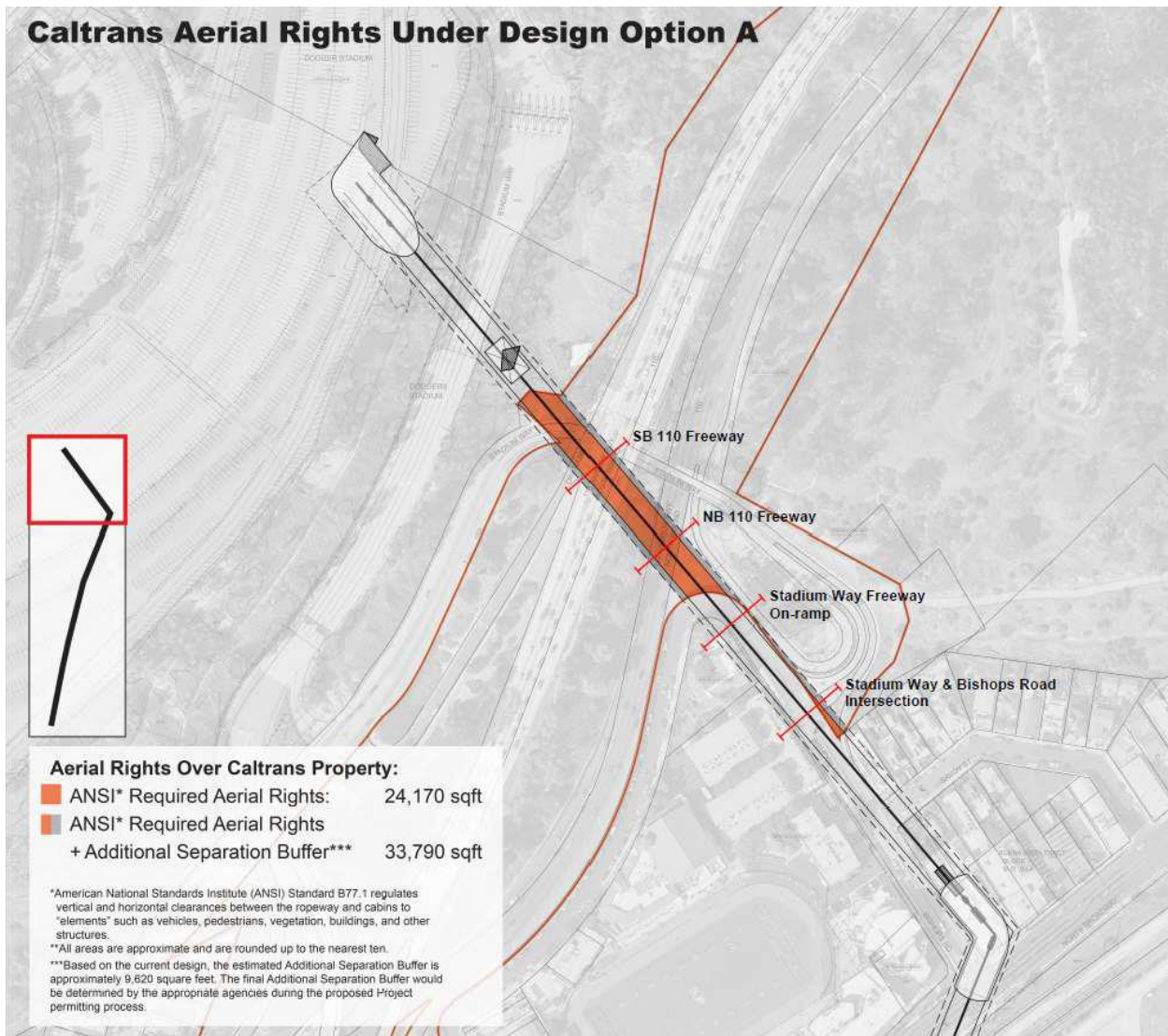
Exhibit D – Proposed Combined Caltrans Aerial Rights Lease Area

Exhibit E – Aerial Image of Proposed Airspace Lease Site

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ASSESSOR MAPS







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Aerial Image of Proposed Airspace Lease Site

