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Notice of Availability
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the proposed Los Angeles Aerial Rapid Transit Project (proposed Project). LA Aerial Rapid Transit Technologies LLC is the Project Sponsor for the proposed Project.

This Draft SEIR was prepared in response to the May 1, 2025, court opinion issued by the Second Appellate District Court (Court Opinion) that largely upheld the EIR that was previously prepared for the proposed Project and certified by Metro on February 22, 2024 (LA ART EIR). However, the Court Opinion found that Metro failed to engage in timely consultation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) as a trustee agency and identified deficiencies in the LA ART EIR's discussion of mitigation related to construction noise. This Draft SEIR addresses the deficiencies in the LA ART EIR's discussion of construction noise mitigation identified by the Court Opinion by (1) providing additional analysis and evidence regarding the feasibility of retrofitting existing buildings as mitigation for temporary construction noise impacts; and (2) providing additional discussion regarding and revisions to Mitigation Measure (MM) NOI-A for temporary construction noise impacts. The Court identified no other concerns in Metro's CEQA review for the proposed Project and, therefore, the remainder of the LA ART EIR remains valid. Accordingly, Metro respectfully requests that reviewers limit their comments to the analysis contained in the Draft SEIR.

This notice is being provided to announce and solicit input on the Draft SEIR.

Project Location: The proposed Project is located in the City of Los Angeles, situated northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The proposed Project would originate adjacent to the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) and El Pueblo de Los Angeles (El Pueblo) in the south and terminate at Dodger Stadium in the north, with an intermediate station at the southernmost entrance of the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The proposed Project would generally be located within public right-of-way (ROW) or on publicly owned property, following Alameda Street and then continuing along Spring Street in a northeast direction through the community of Chinatown to the southernmost corner of the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The alignment would then continue northeast over the western edge of the Los Angeles State Historic Park and the Metro A Line to the intersection of North Broadway and Bishops Road. At this intersection, the proposed Project alignment would turn and continue northwest following Bishops Road toward its terminus at Dodger Stadium, located in the Elysian Park community. The proposed Project coincides with properties included on one or more lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Project Description: The proposed Project would connect LAUS to the Dodger Stadium property via an aerial gondola system. The proposed Project would include an intermediate station at the southernmost entrance of the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The proposed Project would provide an aerial rapid transit (ART) option for visitors to Dodger Stadium, while also providing access between the Dodger Stadium property, the surrounding communities, including Chinatown, Mission

Junction, Elysian Park, and Solano Canyon, and the Los Angeles State Historic Park, to the regional transit system accessible at LAUS. The aerial gondola system would be approximately 1.2 miles and consist of cables, three passenger stations, a non-passenger junction, three towers, and gondola cabins. When complete, the proposed Project would have a maximum capacity of approximately 5,000 people per hour per direction, and the travel time from LAUS to Dodger Stadium would be approximately 7 minutes. The proposed Project would provide pedestrian improvements, including hardscape and landscape improvements, as well as amenities at the Los Angeles State Historic Park. The ART system has the ability to overcome grade and elevation issues between LAUS and Dodger Stadium and provide safe, zero emission, environmentally friendly, and high-capacity transit connectivity in the Project area that would reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as a result of reduced vehicular congestion in and around Dodger Stadium and on neighborhood streets, arterial roadways, and freeways. The proposed Project would operate daily to serve existing residents, workers, park users, and visitors to Los Angeles.

Summary of Environmental Effects: The Draft SEIR analyzes whether all feasible mitigation measures have been applied to the proposed Project to address the proposed Project's significant and unavoidable impact related to construction noise and further discloses the effective performance of the proposed MM NOI-A identified in the previously certified LA ART EIR. The Draft SEIR has determined that implementation of the proposed Project would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to construction noise, and that there are no other feasible mitigations, other than the measures proposed by MM NOI-A.

COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SEIR: The Draft SEIR is being made available for public review for a 45-day comment period, commencing on September 29, 2025, and concluding on November 13, 2025. In addition to the above and consistent with the procedural requirements of Section 21168.6.9, the Draft SEIR and all other documents submitted to or relied upon by the lead agency in the preparation of the Draft SEIR can be accessed and downloaded from the following website: https://www.metro.net/projects/aerial-rapid-transit/. Hard copies of the document can be made available upon written request to Metro and mailed to recipients for the cost of materials and shipping.

Additionally, hard copies of the Draft EIR, Final EIR, Errata, and Draft SEIR (and electronic copies of the supporting appendices and technical documents) will be available for public review at the following repositories: Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071; Chinatown Branch Library, 639 N Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90012; Cypress Park Branch Library, 1150 Cypress Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90065; Metro Headquarters, Dorothy Peyton Gray Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Please check hours of operation at the repositories listed prior to visiting.

Also consistent with and in addition to the procedural requirements of Section 21168.6.9, which requires one informational workshop and one public hearing to be conducted, Metro will conduct an informational workshop within 10 days after the release of the Draft SEIR to inform the public of the key analyses and conclusions of the Draft SEIR, and will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on the Draft SEIR within 10 days before the close of the public comment period.

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INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT SEIR

Meeting details for the informational workshop and public hearing on the Draft SEIR are available at the following website: https://www.metro.net/projects/aerial-rapid-transit/.

Metro will conduct a virtual **informational workshop** to inform the public of the key analyses and conclusions of the Draft SEIR on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 5 – 6 pm** via Zoom webinar at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87928033819, Webinar ID: 879 2803 3819, Call-in: (669) 900-6833.

Metro will conduct a virtual **public hearing** to receive testimony on the Draft SEIR for the proposed Project on **Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 5 – 7 pm** via Zoom webinar at https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81089978579; Webinar ID: 810 8997 8579, Call-in: (669) 900-6833.

The informational workshop and public hearing will offer simultaneous Spanish, Cantonese, Taishanese, and Mandarin interpretation.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS: Upon request, sign language interpretation, materials in alternative formats, and other accommodations are available to the public for Metro-sponsored meetings and events. All requests for reasonable accommodations, interpretation services, and materials in other language must be made at least three working days (72 hours) prior to the scheduled meeting date. Please submit requests by calling (323) 466-3876 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Individuals with hearing or speech impairment may use California Relay Service 711 + Metro phone number.

Metro is hereby releasing this Draft SEIR, finding it to be accurate and complete and ready for public review and comment. There is no fee for commenting, and all comments received will be considered by Metro prior to finalizing the SEIR and making a decision on the proposed Project.

SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SEIR. The purpose of the SEIR is to supplement the LA ART EIR and address topics raised in the Court Opinion regarding the proposed Project. Thus, the scope of this Draft SEIR is limited to evaluating the topics raised in the Court Opinion regarding the proposed Project's potential construction noise impacts and potential mitigation. This document does not revise the LA ART EIR in any respect other than as directed by the Court Opinion. Accordingly, Metro respectfully requests that reviewers limit their comments to the analysis contained in the Draft SEIR. Comments on the Draft SEIR may be submitted in writing, by phone, or orally during the public hearing described above. Written comments or comments made by phone concerning the Draft SEIR should be submitted by email to LAART@metro.net or by mail to Mr. Cory Zelmer, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, Mail Stop 99-22-6, Los Angeles, CA 90012, or via phone at (213) 922-6913. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Comments received during the Draft SEIR public review period will be compiled and responded to as part of the Final SEIR. If there are any questions regarding this notice, or how to review available documents, please contact Metro at (213) 922-6913.

Figure 1: Proposed Project Location

