CEQA/NEPA Lead Agency

Announcement of Public Hearings

Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS)
and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation Available for the
I-405 Sepulveda Pass ExpressLanes Project

Sponsoring Agency

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in coordination with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro), are proposing to improve traffic conditions on the I-405 starting in the south at the I-10 and terminating in the north at the US-101 (Post Miles 28.4 to 41.4). Caltrans and LA Metro propose the following improvements to reduce congestion, encourage carpooling and transit, improve trip reliability, reduce degradation of the carpool and general-purpose lanes, increase person throughput, apply technology to help manage traffic, support safer travel, and help motorists travel more efficiently throughout the project corridor. The range of improvements under consideration includes converting the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane, also known as carpool lane, to a high-occupancy toll (HOT) lane, also known as an Expresslane; converting the HOV lane to an Expresslane and adding a second ExpressLane; or maintaining the existing HOV lane and adding a second HOV lane in each direction. Additionally, the No Build Alternative is under consideration.



WHY THIS PUBLIC NOTICE?

Caltrans and LA Metro have studied the effects this Project may have on the environment. Our studies show it will have significant impacts related to induced demand/vehicle miles traveled. The report that explains these findings is called an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). This public notice is to tell you of the availability of the Draft EIR/EIS for you to read and provide comments. A hearing will be held to give you an opportunity to talk about certain design features of the Project with Caltrans and Metro staff before the final design is selected.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the Project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and carbon monoxide (CO) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This Project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM10 and PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The Project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis. The proposed project conforms to the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act.

The proposed alternatives may have an effect on historic properties eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It has been determined that proposed alternatives would not result in adverse effects to these properties and would not affect the eligibility of these properties.

Additionally, Caltrans is proposing a De Minimis impact finding under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act. Under Section 4(f), De Minimis impacts are those that do not adversely affect the activities, features, or attributes that qualify for Section 4(f) protection. Based on the minor nature of the anticipated temporary and permanent effects and the continued functionality of the open space easement, the project's use of this is expected to meet the De Minimis criteria and would not adversely affect the protected open space's activities, features, or characteristics.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE?

The Draft EIR/EIS and Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation is available for public review and comment at *https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-expresslanes-project/* and can be accessed at the following locations:

- **Metro Headquarters** – Dorothy Peyton Gray Transportation Library, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- **Caltrans District 7**, 100 S. Main St., 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Branch Library**, 14245 Moorpark St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423
- Los Angeles Public Library – **West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library**, 11360 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Encino-Tarzana Branch Library**, 18231 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, CA 91356
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Donald Bruce Kaufman-Brentwood Branch Library**, 11820 San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049
- **UCLA – Powell Library**, 10740 Dickson Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Westwood Branch Library**, 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Mar Vista Branch Library**, 12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066
- Los Angeles Public Library – **Van Nuys Branch Library**, 6250 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401
- Santa Monica Public Library – **Fairview Branch Library**, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405
- Santa Monica Public Library – **Pico Branch Library**, 2201 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405
- LA County Library – **Culver City Julian Dixon Library**, 4975 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230
- LA County Library – **West Hollywood Library**, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069
- LA County Library – **View Park Bebe Moore Campbell Library**, 3854 W. 54th St., Los Angeles, CA 90043
- LA County Library – **Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library**, 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292
- **Hawthorne Library**, 12700 Grevillea Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
- **Newhall Library,** 24500 Main Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321
- **West Valley Regional Branch Library** - 19036 Vanowen St, Reseda, CA 91335

WHERE DO YOU COME IN?

Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will become part of the public record. You have the opportunity to attend the public hearings and ask questions, receive information, and share comments with Caltrans and Metro staff about the Proposed Project, the findings, and processing the Project as the proposed EIR/EIS. If you cannot attend the hearing, you can submit your comments in any of the following formats:

- **Online comment form at the Metro website:** *https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-expresslanes-project/*
- **Project email:** *405expresslanes@metro.net* with the subject line "I-405 ExpressLanes Project"
- **Regular mail:** Anna Johnson, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)
  Division of Environmental Planning, Caltrans District 7, 100 South Main Street, MS16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- **Court reporter** and Spanish interpretation available during our public hearings (open forums).

All comments received during the review period will become part of the Project record and will provide valuable input to Caltrans and Metro. All comments must be postmarked by **January 19, 2027.**

WHEN AND WHERE?

The **in-person Public Hearings** will take place at:

- **Location:** East Valley Adult Center (San Fernando Valley), 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403
  Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2026 | **Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Westwood United Methodist Church (Westside), 10497 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024
  Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2027 | **Time:** 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The **virtual Public Hearing** will take place at:

- **Location:** via Zoom at *bit.ly/405ExpressLanesPublicHearing*
  Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2026 | **Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  Dial: +1 213 338 8477 US (English) | After dialing the call-in number, enter the **Webinar ID: 861 4302 2134**
  Spanish Call-In Number: +1 (571) 317-3112 | After dialing the call-in number, enter this **Code: 657-180-269**

The in-person **Neighborhood Listening Sessions** will take place at:

- **Location:** Old Town Newhall Farmers Market and Newhall Library Community Room, 24500 Main St., Santa Clarita, CA 91321
  Date: Saturday, January 9, 2027
  Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** ONEgeneration Encino Farmers Market, 17400 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91406
  Date: Sunday, January 10, 2027
  Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Hawthorne Library, 12700 Grevillea Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250
  Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2027
  Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT

For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call Caltrans at (213) 897-3656. To request alternative accommodations for accessing Project information or for attending public hearings, please contact the Caltrans District 7 Public Information Office at (213) 897-1200. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service Line at 1 (800) 735-2929 or the Voice Line at 1(800) 735-2922. Requests for alternative accommodations to attend public hearings must be made 15 days prior to the hearings.