

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2017061007

Project Title: West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

Project Location (include county): I-605, SR-91, I-105, and I-710; Los Angeles County

Project Description: Caltrans is a Responsible Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for approval of the West Santa Ana Branch Project (Project), also known as the Southeast Gateway Line, encroachment into Caltrans' right-of-way (ROW). Therefore, this Determination is for the Project's encroachment into Caltrans' ROW only. The Project is a proposed light rail transit (LRT) line that will extend 14.5 miles from southeast Los Angeles County to a Southern terminus in the City of Artesia. The Project will intersect state highway system at Interstate (I) 605, State Route (SR) 91 and I-710 via an a-grade configuration, and I-105 via an aerial configuration. The Project would include a new jacked-box tunnel that would be installed through the existing I-710 embankment fill, parallel to the existing freight tunnel below I-710; and minor modification to grading, retaining walls, utilities, drainage, and ventilation within Caltrans ROW. However, no permanent changes to the configuration and operation of the freeways at the four crossing locations are planned; with an exception at the I-105 freeway crossing, which involves relocating the existing Union Pacific Railroad Century Blvd underpass bridge and corresponding freight tracks approximately 26.5 feet to the west and constructing a new LRT bridge and infill station platform along the existing Metro C (Green) Line within the median of the I-105.

This is to advise that the Caltrans District 7 (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 6/11/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within Caltrans jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.

2. Caltrans considered the Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
 A 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. A 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 by Caltrans pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final EIR and record of project approval by the Lead Agency, is available to the general public at: the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. Caltrans' record of Project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at the Caltrans' office listed above.

Signature (Public Agency): *Elaine Lee* Title: Associate Environmental Planner
Date: 6/11/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/12/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.