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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

To: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Stakeholders, and Interested Parties

From: City of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering
Environmental Management Division
1149 South Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015-2213

Subject: **Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the LAX Transpacific Cable Landing Project**

[State Clearinghouse Number pending assignment by Cal. Office of Planning and Research (OPR)]

The City of Los Angeles (City) Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), as the lead agency, will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified below. As lead agency, the City has prepared an Initial Study (IS) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines section 15082.

BOE requests input from agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties on the scope and content of the EIR. Using the information obtained through the environmental scoping period, BOE will prepare an EIR to analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed Project and alternatives. BOE welcomes comments and/or concerns related to the content of the environmental information presented and invites you to attend a virtual public meeting to learn more about the proposed Project and participate in the environmental review process, as noticed herein.

Project Title: LAX Transpacific Cable Landing Project

Project Location: The landing site for the proposed Project would be located beneath an existing paved parking lot at the south end of Dockweiler Beach Park (Latitude: 33.9318° / Longitude: -118.4364°). (See Figures 1 and 2.) From the landing site, a subterranean terrestrial conduit system would be installed within public rights-of-way (ROWs) within the Cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo, to reach existing data centers. Four submarine cables would be installed on submerged land within the City of Los Angeles' jurisdiction and extend through both state and federal waters to locations across the Pacific Ocean. From a horizontal directional drilled (HDD) exit hole off Dockweiler Beach, these cables would be buried to approximately 3.3 feet below the seabed, where feasible, in waters of less than 3,600-foot water depth. In deeper waters, it is not feasible to bury cables in the seafloor; instead, they would be laid on the seafloor.

Project Description: The Project consists of undersea (subsea) fiber optic telecommunications cable landing infrastructure that could receive up to four future submarine cable systems and connect this infrastructure to a terrestrial landing site and terrestrial conduits installed along public ROWs to existing data center(s) in the region. The project would be constructed by Hood 1703, LLC, the applicant (Applicant).



The Project would include construction at the Dockweiler Beach landing site, along public ROWs, and offshore to install the following components:

- Four (4) offshore bore pipes using HDD and extending approximately 4,000 feet offshore
- Two (2) beach manhole (BMHs) installed at Dockweiler State Beach at approximately 400 feet landward of the mean high water (MHW) line to serve as a terminus point for HDD bores
- Up to four (4) Ocean Ground Beds (OGBs) at Dockweiler State Beach
- One (1) HDD bore from one BMH to the intersection of Imperial Highway and Vista Del Mar
- Approximately four (4) miles of open trenched terrestrial conduit route in the Cities of Los Angeles and El Segundo

The Applicant proposes to install the landing infrastructure (e.g., BMHs, bore pipes) in one phase, with cable(s) installation occurring in a subsequent phase based on planning timelines, regulatory approval, and installation availability. Once construction is complete, the landing site and conduit along the ROWs to the data center would be restored to pre-construction condition.

While no subsea cables are currently proposed to be installed or operated as part of this initial phase of the Project, the Applicant proposes to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with subsea cable installation to be comprehensive. Anticipated offshore Project components include the HDD marine bore pipes described above, up to four submarine cables, and cable regenerators.

Probable Effects of the Project: Based on the results of the IS, the Project may result in impacts related to the following environmental resource areas: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology/soils, noise, recreation, transportation/traffic, tribal cultural resources, and mandatory findings of significance.

Public Review Period: This Notice of Preparation and the IS will be circulated for a thirty (30) day public review period, beginning on **July 25, 2025** and ending on **August 24, 2025**.

A copy of the IS be accessed online at this Bureau of Engineering webpage

<https://engineering.lacity.gov/about-us/divisions/environmental-management/projects/lax-transpacific-cable-landing>

A copy of the IS may also be obtained by contacting Daniel Kim of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-1411.

The IS can be reviewed at the following location:

Playa Vista Branch of the Los Angeles Public Library
6400 Playa Vista Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90094
(310) 437-6680

Written comments must be received or postmarked by August 24, 2025. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15103 requires that responses to a NOP must be provided within 30 days after receipt of notice.)

Please send your response to:

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Attention: Daniel Kim
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
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Via email to: daniel.y.kim@lacity.org

The City will consider all comments received in determining the scope of the analysis in the draft EIR.