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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CANTARA TRUNK LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Date: September 11, 2025

To: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cantara Trunk Line Replacement Project

This Notice of Intent (NOI) has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15073 to notify agencies, interested parties, and members of the public that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), as the lead agency, has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to CEQA for the proposed Cantara Trunk Line Replacement Project (proposed project). The IS/MND is available for public review and comment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Cantara Trunk Line (TL), originally built in 1917, is part of the larger LADWP water distribution system. The Cantara TL receives water from City TL South at the Coldwater Canyon Avenue/Cantara Street intersection and transmits it to the Sun Valley area. TL components of the proposed project include installation of isolation valves, blow-offs, combination air/vacuum valves, and distribution mainlines. Portions of the Cantara TL system are proposed for replacement or abandonment in place as part of this project in order to upgrade the potable water conveyance and distribution system in the project area.

LADWP proposes to install approximately 8,200 feet of 30-inch-diameter underground pipe along Strathern Street and Cantara Street and approximately 5,100 feet of 20-inch-diameter underground pipe along San Fernando Road in the Sun Valley community. The installation of the new 20-inch-diameter distribution mainline and 30-inch-diameter trunk line would replace aging and deteriorated segments of the existing Cantara TL to provide greater operational flexibility for water flow and delivery and to improve system redundancy and resiliency. The proposed project would also include approximately 7,010 feet of eight-inch-diameter distribution mainline improvements along Cantara Street.

The proposed project would increase the safety, capacity, and reliability of LADWP's water system in the Sun Valley area. The project would maintain supply to the 1449 System Elevation Zone and Green Verdugo Reservoir via the Sheldon Pump Station during an emergency scenario in which both Truesdale TL and Foothill TL could be out of service.

Project construction is anticipated to start in Summer 2026 and is anticipated to conclude in Fall 2034. While construction would occur over the course of approximately eight years, there is a

two-year construction gap. As such, the sporadic construction duration totals approximately six years.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed project is located within the Sun Valley community of the City of Los Angeles. Collectively, the areas where pipeline work would occur, including pipeline installation, abandonment, and connection work, will be termed the “project alignment” in this IS/MND. Within Sun Valley, the project alignment is situated between the Hollywood Freeway (State Route 170) and the Interstate 5 freeway. The proposed project would occur within the public roadway right-of-way of Cantara Street, Strathern Street, and San Fernando Road, as well as across the surface parking areas of private industrial parcels. Periodic intrusions into the sidewalks and/or parkways along these roadways would also occur for installation of pipeline appurtenances (e.g., valves, hydrants, water service connections).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A 30-day public comment period for the IS/MND will commence on September 11, 2025, and conclude on October 13, 2025. Please ensure that comments are postmarked or emailed on or before October 13, 2025.

The IS/MND is available for review at the location listed below (please call number below to arrange viewing) and may be accessed electronically and/or downloaded at the following website https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices or by QR code:

Please direct your comments or questions to the following:

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Environmental Planning and Assessment
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All comment letters or emails received related to the IS/MND will be included in the final package that is provided to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for final consideration and approval at a future date. Once determined, the Board hearing date and time will be posted on the LADWP website at https://www.ladwp.com/envnotices.

A hearing will be scheduled approximately two to three months after the close of the public comment period and will be held in the LADWP Board Room at 111 North Hope Street, 15th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. You may access Board agendas at https://www.ladwpcommission.com to check on scheduled items or contact the commission office at (213) 367-1356.

Please note, LADWP's practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that LADWP withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish LADWP to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. LADWP will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

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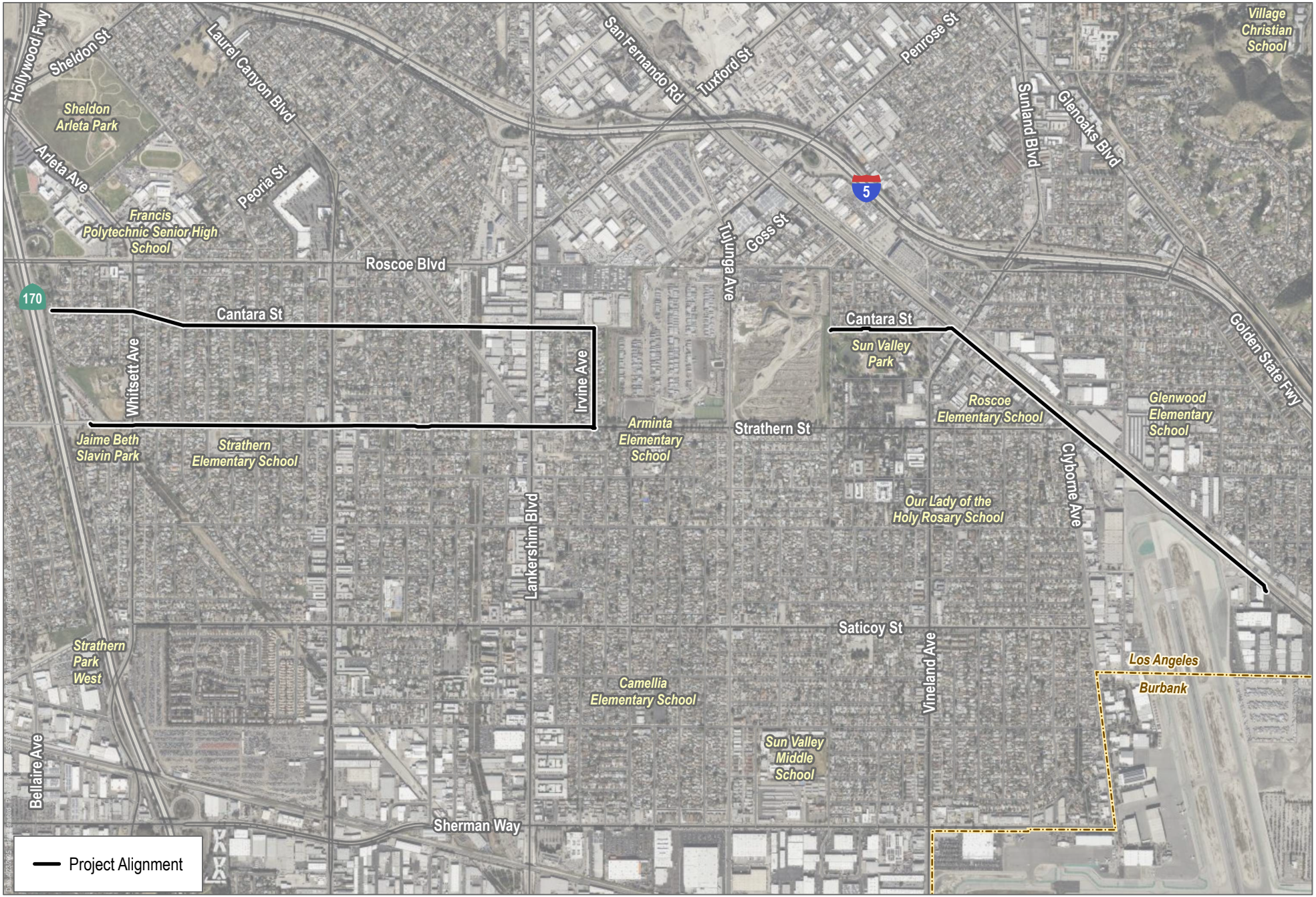

SOURCE: Bing Maps, OpenStreetMap

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FIGURE 1

Project Location

Cantara Trunk Line Replacement Project