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**SUBJECT: EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSIT CORRIDOR
PROJECT MILESTONE NOTIFICATION**

ISSUE

Metro, in coordination with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), is preparing to release the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Project. We anticipate releasing the document in late August/early September for a 45-day public comment period.

DISCUSSION

Over the last eight months, staff has been working with FTA on final edits and a legal sufficiency review of the Administrative Draft EIS/EIR. Last week, FTA informed staff that Metro had satisfactorily addressed their comments and gave their authorization to release the document. With the Draft EIS/EIR's release, the project's 45-day public review period will commence, during which four Public Meetings will be held along the project's 9.2-mile alignment.

The Draft EIS/EIR will be posted on Metro's website the day the public review period commences. Hard copies and CDs of the document will be made available at area libraries and elected officials' offices. CDs of the document will be made available upon request.

Staff will let the public know of the document's availability in a number of ways, in both English and Spanish:

- E-mail blast to the project's stakeholder database

- Press release and media outreach, including advertisements in local papers
- Post on Metro's blog the Source and Metro's social media channels
- Delivery of take-one notices to Metro buses on Van Nuys Blvd. and the Metro Orange Line
- Door-to-door noticing along the alignment
- Staff visits to Neighborhood Councils, community organizations, including key business and Environmental Justice organizations

At the conclusion of the public comment period, staff will return to the Metro Board for the selection of the project's Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). After selection of an LPA, work will commence on the project's Final EIS/EIR, which should take eight to twelve months to complete.

Once the environmental document is completed, we'll be a step closer to delivering on the promises of Measure M to start construction on the East SFV Transit Corridor project as early as FY2021 and an opening date of FY2027.

NEXT STEPS

Staff is preparing to release the Draft EIS/EIR in late August/early September for its 45-day Public Review Period. Once completed, staff will update the EIS/EIR to address public and agency comments and make a recommendation to the Metro Board for selection of an LPA.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study Area Map

ATTACHMENT A

East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor Study Area Map

